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### 1. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - EARLEY CHARITY

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REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER

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TITLE:	APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - EARLEY CHARITY		
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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out the decisions to appoint Councillor Terry to the Earley Charity for the remainder of the current term of office until June 2021.

**2. DECISION**

- 2.1 It is the decision of the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, that Councillor Terry be appointed to the Earley Charity until June 2021.

**3. POLICY CONTEXT**

- 3.1 The Council appoints two Trustees to the Earley Charity. The Charity is a grant making trust whose object is the relief of need among elderly, disabled or poor people living in the area of benefit (Earley, the northern part of Shinfield, Winnersh, south Reading, east Reading, central Reading, Sonning and lower Caversham). The Charity's terms of reference also allow it to fund community, educational, informational, cultural, sporting, recreational and social initiatives.

**4. THE PROPOSAL**

**EARLEY CHARITY**

- 4.1 The most recent appointments to the Earley Charity were made by the Policy Committee on 12 June 2017, when David Sutton and Dr Deborah Jenkins were appointed on a four-year term until June 2021. Dr Jenkins has recently been made a co-opted Trustee of the Charity, so there is a vacancy for a Trustee nominated by the Council.

**5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 Representation on outside bodies gives the Council an opportunity, through its representatives, to seek to promote the Corporate Plan priorities.

## **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION**

- 6.1 Representation on outside bodies gives the Council an opportunity to engage with the community on matters that affect the Borough.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Council cannot provide personal liability cover for Councillors serving on outside bodies, and it is the responsibility of the outside body to secure the appropriate insurance and personal liability cover for the people on it. Local authorities do not have a legal power to extend their insurance policies to cover the liabilities of third parties.
- 7.2 All Councillors, officers and other people appointed by the Council - and any other local authority - are therefore advised of the need to check directly with the outside body about its insurance cover, and how far it protects them.

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Attendance by Councillors appointed to the above organisation will be an approved duty for the purposes of the Council's scheme made in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 1991. This means that travel and subsistence claims may be made in respect of expenses incurred in attending meetings. Non-Councillors who are appointed to represent the Borough on outside bodies may also claim financial loss allowance and travel and subsistence, if applicable.

## **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 Correspondence from Earley Charity.