

# Policy Committee

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| <b>Title</b>                                  | Outside Body Appointments   |
| <b>Purpose of the report</b>                  | To make a key decision  |
| <b>Report status</b>                          | Public report   |
| <b>Statutory Officer Commissioning Report</b> | Jayne La Grua, Director of Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer   |
| <b>Report author</b>                          | Simon Hill, Acting Democratic Services Manager  |
| <b>Lead Councillor</b>                        | Councillor Terry, Leader nominations of the Council   |
| <b>Council priority</b>                       | All   |
| <b>Recommendations</b>                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the Committee make nominations to the outside bodies listed on the schedule (to be circulated);</li><li>2. That the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and (if applicable) the relevant Group Leader, be authorised to appoint to any vacancies not appointed to at this meeting or arising mid-year.</li></ol> |

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report asks the Policy Committee to make appointments to outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2026/27, or longer where required. A schedule of nominations is attached at Appendix 1 (to be circulated).

## 2. Policy Context

- 2.1. Appointing the Council's representatives on outside bodies is a Key Decision reserved to Policy Committee under Part 2 Article 13.3 and Part 3 Section 2(5) of the Council's Constitution. This annual report requests a delegation to the Monitoring Officer to appoint to any vacancies remaining or arising mid-year in consultation with the Leader of the Council and (if applicable) the relevant Group Leader.

## 3. The Proposal

- 3.1. Appointments to the Berkshire Prosperity Board, Royal Berkshire Fire Authority, Joint Waste Disposal Board, LGA Conference and General Assembly and PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee were made by Policy Committee at Annual Council on 27 May 2026 (see the Minutes elsewhere on this agenda).
- 3.2. A schedule of nominations to the remaining vacancies is set out at Appendix 1. Appointments with a longer term not expiring in 2026 are omitted from the list – full details of all appointments can be found on [the Council's website](#).
- 3.3. The following bodies have been removed from the Schedule as they are either no longer active or the Council is no longer required to make a nomination:

- Flexible Home Improvements Limited

## 4. Contribution to Strategic Aims

4.1. Representation on joint committees and outside bodies gives the Council an opportunity, through its representatives, to work with partner organisations to achieve the priorities set out in the Council Plan:

- Promote more equal communities in Reading;
- Secure Reading's economic and cultural success;
- Deliver a sustainable and healthy environment and reduce our carbon footprint;
- Safeguard and support the health and wellbeing of Reading's adults and children;
- Ensure Reading Borough Council is fit for the future.

4.2. Full details of the Council Plan and the projects which will deliver these priorities are published on the Council's website - [Council plan - Reading Borough Council](#). These priorities and the Council Plan demonstrate how the Council meets its legal obligation to be efficient, effective and economical.

## **5. Environmental and Climate Implications**

5.1. There are no environmental or climate implications arising from the decision to make appointments to outside bodies.

## **6. Community Engagement**

6.1. Representation on outside bodies gives the Council an opportunity, through its representatives, to engage with the community on matters that affect the Borough.

## **7. Equality Implications**

7.1. No adverse implications have been identified.

## **8. Other Relevant Considerations**

8.1. No other considerations.

## **9. Legal Implications**

9.1. The Council is required to decide the appointments to the joint bodies and other bodies to which the Council is invited to nominate representatives. Appointments to Outside Bodies is within the Council's definition of a Key Decision. Council has delegated this function to the Policy Committee.

## **10. Financial Implications**

10.1. Attendance by Councillors appointed to outside bodies 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 claim financial loss allowance and travel and subsistence, if applicable.

## **11. Timetable for Implementation**

11.1. Details of the new appointments will be circulated to the relevant organisations and published on the Council's website in the week following this meeting.

## **12. Background Papers**

12.1. There are none.

## **Appendices**

1. Schedule of Nominations (to be circulated)