

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leader and Cabinet
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APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Purpose

1. To consider appointments to joint bodies and outside bodies which are the responsibility of the executive for 2006/07.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2.	Quality, Accessible Services	
	Village Life	
	Sustainability	
	Partnership	Membership of these groups enhances partnership working

Background

3. Cabinet on 25 May 2006 agreed the appointments of the Leader and the Community Development Portfolio Holder to the South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership Board.

Considerations

Joint Bodies to which More than Three Members are Appointed

4. Political proportionality applies to joint bodies to which the Council appoints at least three members:
 - *Cambridgeshire Councils' Association* (3 members)
In 2005/06 the appointees were:
 - Leader
 - Community Development Portfolio Holder
 - Housing Portfolio Holder

Political proportionality requires 1 Conservative member, 1 Independent member and 1 Liberal Democrat member.
 - *County Council / Cambridge City / South Cambridgeshire Joint Strategic Forum* (4 members plus substitute)
In 2005/06 the appointees were:
 - Leader
 - Information & Customer Services Portfolio Holder
 - Planning & Economic Development Portfolio Holder
 - Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Development and Conservation Control Committee
 - Deputy Leader as substitute

Political proportionality requires 2 Conservative members, 1 Independent member and 1 Liberal Democrat member.

- *South Cambridgeshire Environment & Transport Area Joint Committee (5 members plus substitute)*

In 2005/06 the appointees were:

- Leader
- Deputy Leader
- Environmental Health Portfolio Holder
- Information & Customer Services Portfolio Holder
- Planning & Economic Development Portfolio Holder
- Community Development Portfolio Holder as substitute

Political proportionality requires 2 Conservative members, 1 Independent member and 2 Liberal Democrat members.

Home Improvement Agency Advisory Group

5. In previous years the Environmental Health Portfolio Holder has been appointed Chairman of this internal body, and Cabinet is asked to confirm this appointment.

Windmill Estate Project Steering Group

6. The Terms of Reference agreed by Cabinet on 8 December 2005 confirmed that the formally constituted Steering Group comprise:
 - Housing Portfolio Holder
 - Leader of Council
 - SCDC Fulbourn Members (x 2)
 - Fulbourn Parish Council representative
 - Local County Councillor
 - Tenant representative
 - Owner-Occupier representative
7. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (SS 15 & 16) as amended by the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998 No. 1918), reg. 4, allows an exemption from political proportionality where:
 - (a) the body was established exclusively to advise the authority in respect of part of the area of the authority;
 - (b) all the voting members of the committee who are members of the District Council have been elected for electoral wards which are wholly or partly within that part; **and**
 - (c) the body includes members of the council of the county in which the district is situated.
8. As this body meets all the criteria, it is recommended that Cabinet re-appoint the Leader, Housing Portfolio Holder and two local Fulbourn members to the Windmill Estate Project Steering Group.

Outside Bodies

9. The following appointments were made by office in 2005/06, although Cabinet may make alternative arrangements for 2006/07:
 - Camb Sport: Community Development Portfolio Holder
 - Cambridge City Centre Consultative Forum: Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

- Cambridge Marriage Guidance Council (Relate): at Council on 25 May 2006 it was decided that the Community Development Portfolio Holder be appointed and Cabinet should confirm this appointment;
- Cambridgeshire Councils' Association Waste Forum: Environmental Health Portfolio Holder
- Cambridgeshire Horizons: Leader of Council
- East of England Regional Assembly: Leader of Council
- East of England Tourist Board: Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder
- Local Government Association General Assembly: Leader of Council
- Local Government Association Rural Commission: Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder

Options

10. Council on 25 May 2006 decided that it was no longer necessary to send representatives to the Local Government Association Annual Conference. Cabinet may decide that some appointments to the LGA General Assembly and Rural Commission, or to other outside bodies, are no longer required.

Financial, Legal, Staffing and Risk Management Implications

11. None significant

Consultations

12. Democratic Services Officers at other authorities.

Recommendations

13. (a) To make appointments to the Cambridgeshire Councils' Association, the County Council / Cambridge City / South Cambridgeshire Joint Strategic Forum and the South Cambridgeshire Environment & Transport Area Joint Committee; and
 - (b) To confirm appointments by office to all other joint and outside bodies; **or**
 - (c) To make alternative appointments to all other joint and outside bodies.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: None

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