

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Cabinet
AUTHOR/S: Finance and Resources Director

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Appointments

Purpose

1. To make appointments to the Arts Development Advisory Group, Housing Older People Advisory Group, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Advisory Group, Land Drainage Advisory Group, Member Training Advisory Group, Milton Country Park Advisory Group, the Waste Management Advisory Group and joint and outside bodies. Cabinet may also wish to consider the membership of the Northstowe Member Steering Group.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2.

Quality, Accessible Services	Partnership work on joint bodies and through the Local Government Association can assist with the provision of Council services District-wide. The Member Training Advisory Group works to ensure elected Councillors have adequate training and support to provide quality services to their electorate.
Village Life	
Sustainability	
Partnership	

Background

3. Due to the imminent meetings of several of the Advisory Groups and other bodies, it is not feasible to make appointments at the July Cabinet meeting.

Considerations

Arts Development Advisory Group

4. The Arts Development Advisory Group was set up by Cabinet in September 2004 as a task-and-finish working group to review the current Arts Strategy, "*Lighting the Way: 2002-2005*" and developing the 2005-2010 strategy, *Creative South Cambridgeshire*. It advises the Community Development portfolio holder.
5. It had seven members and the Community Development portfolio holder during the last municipal year. These members were appointed to this Advisory Group as they represented the Council on the following outside bodies: Arts in Cambs on Tour, Cambridge Arts Theatre, Cambridge Film Consortium, Cross Border Arts, Eastern Orchestral Board, The Junction and Wysing Arts
6. All members were asked their committee preferences in priority order and the following expressed an interest in the Arts Advisory Group (numbers in brackets refer to the number of Advisory Groups for which each member expressed an interest).
- 7.

6 Total

1st Choice

*SA Harangozo (2)

*Mrs GJ Smith (1)

2nd Choice

*Mrs JA Muncey (3)

Not Prioritised

*JA Hockney (2)

*JA Quinlan (2)

*Mrs DSK Spink (5)

(* indicates members from 2004/05).

8. All six of those who expressed an interest were on the Advisory Group last year. The seventh member, Councillor Mrs PS Corney (The Council's Board Observer on The Junction), did not include this Advisory Group in her preferences.

Equity Share Advisory Group

9. 10 members were appointed to the Equity Share Advisory Group in 2004/05. However, this Advisory Group has not met since April 2005. There are no immediate plans for a meeting.

10. The following members have indicated an interest in serving on the Equity Share Advisory Group:

4 Total

1st Choice

*Mrs A Elsby

*MP Howell

2nd Choice

*Mrs SJO Doggett

3rd Choice

Not Prioritised

*DALG Wherrell

(* indicates members from 2004/05)

11. A further request for expressions of interest in this Advisory Group could be sent to all members, either through the Weekly Bulletin or by e-mail. Cabinet may wish to appoint those members who had already expressed an interest in serving, and delegate authority to the Housing Portfolio Holder to appoint as many additional members as is necessary to bring the Advisory Group membership to seven.

Housing and Older People Steering Group

12. The following members have indicated an interest in serving on the Housing and Older People Group:

16 Total

1st Choice

*RE Barrett

*NN Cathcart

*Mrs A Elsby

MP Howell

*Mrs HF Kember

Mrs VM Trueman

*Mrs JR

Williamson

SS Ziaian-Gillan

(* indicates members from 2004/05)

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

RF Bryant

EW Bullman

Mrs SJO Doggett

*Mrs SA Hatton

*Mrs JA Muncey

Not Prioritised

EJ Pateman (5th choice)

*J Shepperson (4th choice)

Mrs DSK Spink (4th choice)

Information Communications Technology (ICT) Advisory Group

13. On 10th February 2005 Cabinet appointed eight members to the ICT Advisory Group.

14. The following members have indicated an interest in serving on the Information Communications Technology (ICT) Advisory Group:

7 Total

1st Choice

*SM Edwards

2nd Choice

*JPR Orme

3rd Choice

*MJ Mason

Not Prioritised

*A Riley

*Mrs HF Kember *JH Stewart *Mrs HM Smith

(* indicates members from 2004/05)

Land Drainage Advisory Group

15. The following members have indicated an interest in serving on Land Drainage Advisory Group:

12 Total

1st Choice

*EW Bullman
BR Burling
*Mrs J Dixon
*SM Edwards
*RMA Manning
*MJ Mason
*J Shepperson
*Mrs HM Smith

2nd Choice

*NIC Wright

3rd Choice

Not Prioritised

*EJ Pateman (4th
choice)
*A Riley
*JR Williamson (4th
choice)

(* indicates members from 2004/05)

Member Training Advisory Group

16. The following members have indicated an interest in serving on the Member Training Advisory Group:

5 Total

1st Choice

SJ Agnew
*Mrs SA Hatton
*Mrs SEK van de
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2nd Choice

3rd Choice

Not Prioritised

Mrs DSK Spink (5th
choice)
*DALG Wherrell

(* indicates members from 2004/05)

17. There are five volunteers and so ideally two more are required.

Milton Country Park Advisory Group

18. The following members have indicated an interest in serving on the Milton Country Park Advisory Group:

7 Total

1st Choice

*Mrs HF Kember
*Mrs JA Muncey
*RT Summerfield

2nd Choice

*R Hall
*Mrs SA Hatton
*Mrs HM Smith
RJ Turner

3rd Choice

Not Prioritised

(* indicates members from 2004/05)

Waste Management Advisory Group

19. The following members have indicated an interest in serving on the Waste Management Advisory Group:

14 Total

1st Choice

*SA Harangozo
*Mrs BE Waters
*Mrs JR Williamson

2nd Choice

RE Barrett
EW Bullman
*Mrs CAED Murfitt
J Shepperson
Mrs VM Trueman

Not Prioritised

RF Bryant (4th choice)
JP Chatfield
Mrs SJO Doggett (4th choice)
*NJ Scarr
Mrs HM Smith (4th choice)
*DALG Wherrell

(* indicates members from 2004/05)

Northstowe

20. Cabinet may wish to discuss the possible memberships of the Northstowe Member Steering Group and the Northstowe Development Trust Working Group.
21. Cabinet, at its meeting of 31st July 2003, agreed that the membership of the Northstowe Member Steering Group be:
 - Leader of Council
 - Development and Conservation Control Committee Chairman
 - Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder
 - Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder
 - Local District Councillor(s)
 - Local County Councillor
 - 1 City Councillor
 - Shadow Portfolio Holder or Development and Conservation Control Committee Vice-Chairman to attend in absence of any SCDC Member
22. On 25th March 2004 Cabinet confirmed that the County Council membership be maintained at one seat, the County Councillors to decide amongst themselves who would attend.
23. Following the recent ward boundary changes and the subsequent elections, members representing parishes which could be affected by development in the Longstanton / Oakington area are:
 - R Hall and Mrs B Waters, Bar Hill Ward (bordering on the south side of the area and which could be affected by traffic proposals for the A14 junction)
 - Ms J Dixon, SM Edwards and TJ Wotherspoon, Cottenham Ward (including villages of Oakington and Westwick)
 - A Riley (Longstanton)
 - BR Burling, Ms PS Corney and RMA Manning (Willingham & Over Ward, which borders on the north side of the area)
 - Other wards with shared borders with the Longstanton / Oakington area include Girton (2 members), Histon & Impington (3 members), Papworth & Elsworth (2 members) and Swavesey (1 member), although members from these wards have not yet expressed any interest in membership of the Steering Group.
24. There are currently nine local members with immediate interests in the area, a number which could rise as high as seventeen. Cabinet could request that members in multi-member wards nominate one representative.
25. The following members have expressed an interest in serving on a Northstowe Member Group:
 - BR Burling
 - Mrs PS Corney

- Mrs J Dixon
- SM Edwards
- R Hall
- RMA Manning
- RB Martlew
- A Riley
- Mrs DSK Spink
- Mrs BE Waters

Joint Bodies

26. *South Cambridgeshire Environment & Transport Area Joint Committee* (5 members including Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder): the representatives for 2004/05 were the Leader, Deputy Leader, and Portfolio Holders for Environmental Health, Information and Customer Services, and Planning and Economic Development, with the Community Development Portfolio Holder as substitute.
27. *County Council / Cambridge City / South Cambridgeshire Joint Strategic Forum*: the representatives for 2004/05 were the Leader, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Development and Conservation Control Committee and Portfolio Holders for Information & Customer Services and Planning & Economic Development.
28. *Cambridgeshire Councils' Association*: the representatives for 2004/05 were the Leader, Deputy Leader, Community Development portfolio holder and the Housing portfolio holder as substitute.
29. *South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership Board*: the representatives for 2004/05 were the Leader and the Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning portfolio holder.

Portfolio Holders on Outside Bodies

30. There are a number of Outside Bodies that have portfolio holders allocated to it. Cabinet are invited to make appointments to the following:
31. *Camb Sport*: The representative for 2004/05 was the Community Development portfolio holder.
32. *Cambridge Airport Relocation Study Member Reference Group*: The Planning and Economic Development portfolio holder was a representative on this Group for 2004/05.
33. *Cambridge City Centre Consultative Forum*: The Planning and Economic Development portfolio holder was a representative on this Group for 2004/05.
34. *Cambridgeshire Councils' Association Waste Forum*: The Environmental Health portfolio holder was a representative on this Group for 2004/05.
35. *Cambridgeshire Horizons*: Councillor Mrs DSK Spink is the Council's representative on this body and Sir David Trippier has requested that for the sake of continuity this continues to be the case.
36. *Cambridgeshire Transport Forum Reference Group*: The Planning and Economic Development portfolio holder was a representative on this Group for 2004/05.

37. *East Anglia Tourist Board*: The Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning portfolio holder was the Council's representative on this Group for 2004/05.
38. *East of England Regional Assembly*: The Leader was the Council's representative for 2004/05.
39. *The Home Improvement Advisory Group*: The Environmental Health portfolio holder was a member and chairman of this group.
40. *Northstowe Trust Development Group*: The Leader, the Planning & Economic Development and Community Development portfolio holders currently serve on this Group. It is possible that a Northstowe Trust Advisory Group will be established during this year (2005/06).

Financial, Legal, Staffing and Risk Management Implications

41. None.

Conclusions

42. There has been a large amount of interest in Housing Options Advisory Group, Land Drainage Advisory Group and Waste Management Advisory Group. It should be noted that those members who are not appointed are welcome to attend meetings and, subject to the discretion of the respective Chairmen, participate in debate.

Consultations

43. On 3rd May 2005 all candidates were sent a form by post and by e-mail asking for their Committee and Advisory Group preferences.

Recommendations

44.
 - (a) To appoint those members who have expressed an interest to the Arts Development Advisory Group, the Equity Share Advisory Group the Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) Advisory Group, the Member Training Advisory Group and the Milton Country Park Advisory Group from amongst those who expressed an interest in serving;
 - (b) To consider which nine members should serve on the Housing Options Advisory Group, the Land Drainage Advisory Group and the Waste Management Advisory Group.
 - (c) To appoint the local member(s) to the Northstowe Member Steering Group, from amongst those who expressed an interest in serving or who represent areas which may be affected by the development, bearing in mind the overall group size;
 - (d) To make appointments to the joint bodies and outside bodies listed in the agenda.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: Cabinet minutes and agendas 24th June 2004.

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