

East Herts Council Report

Council

Date of Meeting: 29 April 2021

Report by: James Ellis, Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Report title: Reports by Members appointed to Outside Bodies for the civic year 2020-21

Wards affected: All

Summary

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR: Annual Council

- (a) To recommend to Council that the reports of Members appointed to Outside Bodies for the 2020 – 2021 civic year be received and noted.

1.0 Proposal

That the reports by Members appointed to Outside Bodies for the 2020 – 2021 civic year (attached in Supplementary Agenda No.1) be received and noted.

2.0 Background

At the Annual Council meeting each year Council appoints Members to serve on various outside bodies and the reports review these Members' involvement on these bodies.

3.0 Reasons

In order to increase transparency and improve the process for reviewing activities of Outside Bodies, Members appointed to Outside Bodies compile an annual report on their involvement

and activities on these Outside Bodies. This provides an opportunity for Members to report back and to highlight any issues that might need to be addressed.

To improve consistency in reporting, Members were requested to use a standard report template when compiling their reports.

4.0 Options

No other options considered as this is a requirement in accordance with the Council Constitution.

5.0 Risks

- 5.1 Reputational. Members appointed to an Outside Body could act contrary to East Herts Council policies/guidelines. As this is unlikely, the Risk is classified as minor.
- 5.2 Financial. Members could claim substantial expenses if an Outside Body had a large number of meetings. As most Outside Bodies have a set number of meetings, this was unlikely and the Risk is classified as minor.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

No

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

No

Specific Wards

No

7.0 Appendices

Appendix A contains the Reports by Members appointed to Outside Bodies (contained in Supplementary Agenda No.1).

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