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Dear Member

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 2 JULY 2026

I now enclose for consideration at next meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee, scheduled for Thursday 2 July 2026, the following report and accompanying appendices which were unavailable at the time the agenda was printed.

Agenda Item No

6 Outside Bodies Update (Pages 1 - 10)

Yours sincerely

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Benjamin Watts
Deputy Chief Executive

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From: Joel Cook – Head of Democratic Services
To: Selection and Member Service Committee – 2 July 2026
Subject: Outside Bodies: Appointments
Status: Unrestricted

1. Introduction

- a) This report updates the Committee on the confirmed appointments which have been made in accordance with the arrangements previously agreed by the Committee. The report also seeks a decision from the Committee on the resolution of the two outstanding appointments yet to be made.
- b) Selection and Member Services Committee is charged with making appointments to specific Outside Bodies on behalf of the County Council. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 political proportionality principles do not apply to these appointments in most cases, but in recent years it has been the County Council's convention that appointments should be shared between the Political Groups on, so far as possible, a proportional basis.
- c) The Committee has previously been supplied with the Outside Body Protocol – this sets out the framework for Outside Body appointments and the Committee's role. A copy of the protocol is appended for reference.
- d) The Protocol and this Committee's powers of appointment do not extend to the appointments made by the Leader.

2. Appointments Update

- a) At previous meetings, the Committee agreed to delegate authority to Officers to make appointments where the requisite number of Members expressed an interest. At the meetings in March 2026 and May 2026, it was confirmed that expressions of interest had been sought but some appointments remained outstanding, either due to a lack of nominations or too many for the available roles.
- b) Following further engagement with Members and Group Leaders, only two Outside Body appointments are yet to be resolved. The two outstanding appointments remaining to be made are for the Gabriel Richards Charity and the Rochester Bridge Trust.
- c) Appointments to all other Outside Bodies have now been made, with the relevant organisations advised of the outcome of the appointment process and relevant role information provided to those Members appointed. A full list of appointments made is provided at Appendix 1.
- d) As was set out at the May meeting, there remained a small number of Outside Bodies where more nominations had been put forward than there were vacancies. In

accordance with the decision of the Committee in May, Officers worked with relevant Group Leaders to confirm final nominations and make the relevant appointments.

- e) Two Outside bodies have not been resolved via delegation and it is now for the Committee to make a final determination. While it is viable for the Committee to request further engagement to resolve via the existing delegations, it is advised that the Committee seek to determine the matter at this time to support timely appointments. Appendix 2 lists the relevant bodies and Members but key information is included in the main report below to support decision-making:

Gabriel Richards Trust

Organisation overview:

The charity operates age exclusive alms-houses the provision of affordable housing for persons over the age of 55 of age in Goodnestone, near Canterbury, Kent.

The Charity is based in East Kent.

The two Expressions of Interest are from:

- Mr Paul King – KCC Member for Dover West (Reform Group)
- Ms Amelia Randall – KCC Member for Birchington & Rural (Independent)

Rochester Bridge Trust

Organisation overview:

The Charity is established for the maintenance and improvement of the two adjacent bridges known as the Rochester Bridge and of the Medway Tunnel, and for purposes connected with the River Medway.

The Trustee role involves being an Assistant Warden and serving on various Committees which oversee the management of the Trust activities.

The organisation is based in Medway.

The two Expressions of Interest are from:

- Mr Michael Brown – KCC Member for Dartford Rural (Reform Group)
- Mr Paul Thomas – KCC Member for Maidstone South (Restore Britain Kent Group)

As referenced in paragraph 1b, consideration should be given to the Council's convention that appointments should be shared between Political Groups. The current position, in relation to those Groups from which Members have expressed an interest in the outstanding Outside Bodies, is that Reform UK Members have been appointed to seven Outside Bodies, Restore Britain Kent Members have not been appointed to any Outside Bodies and Independent or Non-Group Aligned Members have been appointed to one Outside Body.

3. Recommendation

The Selection and Member Services Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the appointments made (as detailed in Appendix 1); and
- b) Decide the appointment of specific Members to the following bodies:
 - Rochester Bridge Trust
 - Gabriel Richards Charity

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Confirmed Appointments to Outside Bodies.

Appendix 2 – Outstanding Appointments for decision by the Committee

5. Background Documents

Outside Body Protocol

6. Report Author and Relevant Director

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Body	Summary	Name of Member Appointed
Bensted's Charity	Bensted's Charity provides grants for the relief of distress and sickness, and support for social welfare, recreation, and education for the residents of the twenty-four parishes east of Teynham within the Swale Borough Council area.	Antony Hook
Biggin Hill Consultative Committee	The role of the Consultative Committee is to help provide a forum for discussing airport-related issues with those who may be affected.	Nigel Williams
Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee	The Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee (GATCOM) is constituted to meet the requirements of Section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 for an airport "to provide adequate facilities for consultation with respect to any matter concerning the management or administration of the airport which affects the interests of users of the airport, local authorities and any other organisation representing the interests of persons concerned with the locality in which the airport is situated."	Peter Osborne
Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee	To facilitate communications between the aerodrome and the businesses on the site and local residents via their elected Parish, Borough and County Council representatives.	Linden Kemkaran
High Weald AONB Joint Advisory Committee	The High Weald Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) champions the High Weald AONB.	Mark Munday
Industrial Communities Alliance	Campaigning to support the social, economic, and environmental regeneration of older industrial areas.	Amelia Randall
Kent Association of Local	KALC a membership organisation	Harry Rayner

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Councils	that represents Towns and Parishes across Kent.	
Kent Downs National Landscape Joint Advisory Committee (JAC)	An area as large and varied as the Kent Downs relies on many stakeholders who have a role in managing the landscape, supporting local business and communities, and enabling quiet recreation. The Joint Advisory Committee plays a pivotal role in helping realise the strategic vision for the Kent Downs AONB and oversee the Management Plan.	Harry Rayner
Kent Music Board of Directors	Kent Music provides creative and inspiring music education opportunities to children, young people, adults, and teachers across Kent, including music lessons, orchestras and choirs, and working with schools. We are the lead partner for the Music Education Hub in Kent.	Colin Sefton
Medway NHS Foundation Trust	Medway NHS Foundation Trust operates a single-site hospital based in Gillingham, Medway Maritime Hospital, which serves a population of more than 424,000 across Medway and Swale.	Mark Mulvihill
Nuclear Restoration Services Dungeness A Site Shared Stakeholder Group	SSGs or their equivalents are the forum for open and transparent communication between local communities near nuclear licensed sites, the NDA, the site operator, and regulators such as the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Office for Nuclear Regulation.	David Wimble
PATROL Joint Committee / Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee	Local authorities who undertake civil traffic enforcement are required by statute to make provision for independent adjudication. The relationship	Thomas Mallon

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	<p>between the adjudicators and the Joint Committee is derived from and governed by the Traffic Management Act 2004.</p> <p>Over 300 local authorities in England (outside London) and Wales are members of the PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee to exercise this function jointly</p>	
Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group	The Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve (S&P NNR) is an internationally important nature reserve and is managed in partnership between the landowners, which includes a number of public bodies and charities (KCC, Thanet District Council, National Trust, RSPB and Kent Wildlife Trust). The Steering Group co-ordinates the management of the reserve and provides a forum for the exchange of information between the partner organisations.	Bridget Porter
Vinters Valley Park Trust	<p>The Trusts principal aims are to:</p> <p>Preserve a valuable wildlife habitat Preserve threatened species Provide an education source for local schools and community groups. Provide a peaceful and tranquil site for members of the local community and beyond.</p>	Geoffrey Samme
Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) is a committee established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. It brings together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and independent members with relevant experience.	<p>John Baker</p> <p>Martin Paul</p> <p>Tim Prater</p>

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Outside Bodies – Organisations with multiple expressions of interest
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Rochester Bridge Trust	<p>The Charity is established for the maintenance and improvement of the two adjacent bridges known as the Rochester Bridge and of the Medway Tunnel, and for purposes connected with the River Medway.</p> <p>The Trustee role involves being an Assistant Warden and serving on various Committees which oversee the management of the Trust activities.</p>	1	Paul Thomas Michael Brown

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