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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – Friday, 7  
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Subject: REVIEW OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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FOR INFORMATION

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### **Introduction**

1. Kent County Council is represented on a number of Outside Bodies. The current list is attached at **Appendix 1**.
2. The reasons for these appointments vary to a considerable extent. They range from appointments which clearly enable the Council's voice to be heard at a national or local level to appointments which are made for largely historical reasons (with questionable benefit to the County Council). On a number of occasions, Members are approached by an organisation in their capacity as local representatives rather than because the involvement of the County Council is being sought.
3. The Chairman of this Committee and the Deputy Leader have asked for a review of Outside Body appointments. The intention of this review will be to establish which of these appointments offer added value to the County Council.

### **Next Steps**

4. The Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership will shortly be writing to all Cabinet Portfolio Holders, identifying those Outside Bodies that currently come within their remit. This will be drawn from the list attached at **Appendix 2** which excludes appointments recommended by the Leader as well as long-established bodies such as the LGA, Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries Committee and Adoption Panels.
5. The Portfolio Holders will be asked to comment about the feedback they receive and for their opinion of the benefit they bring to the County Council. For the sake of completeness, they will also be asked whether they are aware of any other Outside Bodies within their remit where KCC Members serve without having been appointed by this Committee.
6. The outcome of this exercise will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee together with a recommended course of action in the light of comments received from the Portfolio Holders.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

7. The Committee is recommended to note the review and that a further report will be made to a future meeting of the Committee recommending a course of action.

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