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To: Selection and Member Services Committee, 19 October 2023
Subject: Outside Bodies: Outcome of Review
Status: Unrestricted

1. Introduction

- a. As per its terms of reference, this Committee is responsible for making nominations / appointments to a specific set of outside bodies. These are made on behalf of the Council and exclude those relating to Executive functions.
- b. A report was presented to this Committee on 29 June 2023 setting out why it was important to review the list of outside bodies to ensure all the information was up to date and remove organisations from the list where nominations or appointments were no longer required. The Committee agreed to this review being undertaken. The results are presented in this report.
- c. To better support this Committee in its role in relation to outside bodies, the Committee also agreed to request the Officers work on a draft protocol for discussion / agreement at a future meeting. Work has begun on the protocol, and it will be brought to this Committee upon its completion.

2. Outside Body Review: Outcome

- a. The organisations currently on the list of outside bodies for this Committee were reviewed. The outline information we held on them was checked against that available on their websites. To confirm or ascertain core information, the majority of organisations were contacted and asked to complete a short survey. These were followed up where necessary and it is only in a very small number of cases that no response was received.
- b. All of this information was pulled together and reviewed. As set out in paragraph 2d, twelve organisations are being recommended for removal from the outside bodies list.
- c. Were these to be removed, the following would be the list of current outside bodies:
 - *Aylesham and District Community Workshop Trust.*
 - *Bensted's Charity.*
 - *Biggin Hill Consultative Committee.*
 - *Gabriel Richards Charity.*
 - *Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.*
 - *Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee.*
 - *High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee.*
 - *Industrial Communities Alliance.*
 - *John Wallis CE Academy.*

- *Kent Association of Local Councils.*
- *Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee.*
- *Kent Music Board of Directors.*
- *Local Government Association:*
 - *Children and Young People Board.*
 - *County Councils Network.*
 - *General Assembly.*
 - *Public Transport Consortium.*
- *Lydd Airport Consultative Committee.*
- *Magnox Ltd - Dungeness A Site Shared Stakeholder Group.*
- *Medway NHS Foundation Trust.*
- *PATROL Joint Committee / Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee.*
- *Rochester Airport Consultative Committee.*
- *Rochester Bridge Trust.*
- *Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group.*
- *South East Employers.*
- *Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.*
- *The Duke of York's Royal Military School.*
- *Vinters Valley Park Trust.*
- *Robert Thompson Charities.*
- *Yalding Educational Foundation.*

d. The outside bodies which are being recommended for removal from the list of outside bodies:

- *Action for Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK)* (Halls Committee, Rail Partnership Steering Group and Management Committee). The ACRK has closed.
- *Cranbrook School Trust* – Body of Trustees. KCC appointee not part of organisational structure.
- *Dover Roman Painted House Trust.* The Organisation has confirmed that an appointee is not required any longer.
- *The Hugh and Montague Leney Travelling Awards Trust.* The Trust has representation by a KCC Officer.
- *Kent Big Society Investment Panel.* Became the Kent Social Enterprise Loan Fund in 2017 and managed by Kent Community Foundation (KCF). KCF have confirmed that Member appointees are not required.
- *Kent County Playing Fields Association.* The Organisation has confirmed that an appointee is not required any longer.
- *Kent International Airport Consultative Committee.* The Committee has ceased operating.
- *Powell-Cotton Museum Trust.* Organisation has confirmed that an appointee is not being requested.
- *Local Government Association:*
 - *Special Interest Group – Coastal Issues.* KCC is not a member of the Group.
- *Red Hill Trust.* Several attempts to contact charity, no response received. If information confirming the active status of the charity and request for an appointee is received, the Committee will be asked to reinstate it.

- *Swale District Advisory Board*. The Board has been superseded by the Local Children's Partnership Group.
 - *Swale Rural Forum*. The Forum is no longer operational.
- e. The appendix sets out what the summary information of the current list would like were these recommendations to be agreed.
- f. As can be seen from this list, there are the following vacancies:
- *Gabriel Richards Charity*.
 - *John Wallis CE Academy*.
 - *PATROL Joint Committee*.
 - *Sandwich and Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve Steering Group*.

3. Recommendation

The Selection and Member Services Committee is asked to:

- a. Agree to remove the outside bodies listed in section 2d from the list of outside bodies.
- b. Agree to confirm the current list of outside bodies as set out in section 2c.
- c. Delegate to the Monitoring Officer the authority to make nominations and appointments to outside bodies where there is a vacancy, after consultation with the Chair of the Committee and Group Leaders.

4. Background Documents

None.

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