

REPORT TO COUNCIL

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Financial Implications NO	Policy/Personnel Implications NO	Statutory Implications (incl S.17) NO	Equalities Impact Assessment NO	Risk Management Implications NO

Date of Meeting: 19th October 2023

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL GOVERNORS COUNCIL AND NORFOLK COUNTYSIDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP SCRUTINY SUB PANEL.

Purpose of Report

Councillor Rust has resigned as the Council's representative on Queen Elizabeth Hospital Governors Council and this report asks Council to appoint a replacement Member to the position.

We have also been notified that the representative on the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel must be an elected Councillor. Council had previously appointed non-councillor Christine Hudson to the role, so a replacement Member needs to be appointed. No substitute Member had previously been appointed and Council are invited to also appoint a substitute Member to the Outside Body.

Recommendation

1. That Council appoint a Member to serve on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Governors Council.
2. That Council appoint a Member and Substitute Member to serve on the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel.

Reason for decision

To ensure continued involvement in the community by the Council.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council at its meeting on 13th July 2023 confirmed a number of appointments to outside bodies and partnerships.

2.0 INSURANCE COVER FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

- 2.1 The Council's insurance will indemnify any employee or member arising from their service on the board or participation in the capacity of governor, officer, trustee, director, committee member or other official of any not-for profit entity other than the insured.

Provided always that:

- a) The service or participation by the employee or member is specifically requested by or under the specific direction of the insured.
 - b) The insured is legally entitled to approve the service or participation and to indemnify the employee of member in respect of it.
 - c) Any payment will only be made by the insurer for an amount in excess of any indemnification or insurance coverage provided by the not-for-profit entity or afforded from any other source and to which the employee or member is entitled.
- 2.2 When a member is appointed to serve on an outside body, they should also ensure that as well as completing the Register of Financial and Other Interest form, they should complete the annual "Related Party Transactions form", with the details of those bodies on which they serve.

3.0 FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 3.1 Arrangements for reporting back by Members serving on Outside Bodies are approved every year at Council as follows:
- 3.2 The Panels should be able to request reports from Councillors serving on outside bodies which fall within their remit. By programming the reports over the Panel's annual timetable of meetings, it would be possible for members both to assess the usefulness of making appointments to bodies and be informed of any relevant matters.
- 3.3 Cabinet Members serving on outside bodies will report via their Cabinet Members' reports to Council.
- 3.4 It is not intended that reports would be required from Councillors serving on bodies local to their wards. All would be encouraged, however to use the Members' Bulletin to report on the work of any such organisation.

4.0 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 4.1 Following the resignation from Councillor Rust on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Governors Council, Council are invited to appoint a replacement representative.
- 4.2 Following the requirement for a representative on the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel to be an elected Member, Council are invited to appoint a replacement representative and substitute representative to this role. Please note that no substitute Member had been previously appointed by the Council.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Mileage and subsistence allowances for Councillors attending meetings.

6.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Current lists of member representation

ACSeS report on liabilities of Outside Bodies