

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	21 May 2018
Report of the	-	Executive Director
Subject	-	Appointments of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That:

- 1) appointments be made to the outside bodies attached at Appendices 1 and 2 for a term of one year except where stated otherwise, and attendance be designated as an approved duty;
 - 2) it be noted that appointments are no longer required for the Rye Chamber of Commerce, the Bexhill Youth Council Adult Support Group and East Sussex County Council's Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (in 2020), and that these organisations be removed from the list;
 - 3) Members be reminded of the need to report annually via the Members' Bulletin on the outside bodies to which they are appointed; and
 - 4) all other minor amendments / changes to names of organisations be noted.
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Introduction

1. Full Council has retained the responsibility for approving the list of outside bodies to which formal appointments are made, making such appointments at the Annual Council meeting or as otherwise required.
2. Attached at Appendix 1 is a list of the outside bodies which require an appointment to be made by the Council at this meeting. It also shows the name(s) of the current representatives that were appointed for the last municipal year.
3. There are a number of appointments which are reserved for Members holding a certain position within the Council, for example the Portfolio Holder for Housing will be the Council's representative on the Sussex Local General Panel (formerly known as the AmicusHorizon Area Panel). Those that are reserved in this way are listed at Appendix 2; these appointments are therefore not open for re-appointment and/or nomination but will be dealt with automatically, following confirmation of appointments. Substitutes, where appropriate, will be confirmed by the Leader of the Council.
4. Attached at Appendix 3 is a list of the outside bodies that do not require an appointment to be made this year.
5. In considering each appointment, Members will need to take account of the following:
 - the benefit to the authority that continued membership provides; and
 - the views of the previous Member representative, if available.

6. To aid the Council's deliberations, Member representatives have been asked to submit comments in support or otherwise of the outside bodies to which they were previously appointed; these comments are attached at Appendix 4 for consideration. Any comments received subsequent to the publication of this report will be circulated at the meeting.
7. Where the Council has appointed non-Councillors as its representatives to certain outside bodies, it is confirmed that all but one non-Councillor representatives are happy to continue to represent the Council in their appointments if that is Members' decision. One of the Council's appointed representatives to the Combe Valley Community Interest Company, Angharad Davies has resigned from the Board of Directors and is stepping down as the Council's representative from this May.
8. Members are requested to consider each outside body and appoint thereto. In the light of any evidence given by the previous representative, either on the night or in writing, the Council may also wish to agree to the removal of any outside body from the current list.

Removals from the List

9. Since appointments to outside bodies were made in May 2017, there has been one removal from the list in respect of Rye Chamber of Commerce that no longer requires an appointment. This was reported to full Council in July 2017.
10. From Councillor Hollidge's report at Appendix 4, it is clear that the Bexhill Youth Council Adult Support Group currently does not exist. It is therefore recommended that no appointment is made and this outside body is removed from the list. Should the Group be resurrected, it can then be reconsidered by the Council.

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

11. Following a review of the scrutiny function at East Sussex County Council, the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee no longer exists and there is no provision to continue with the arrangement for the co-option of the single district/borough representative. The history of that particular arrangement dates back to 2006 following the Children Act, when it was felt that co-opting representatives from key partners (districts/boroughs, health and police) would facilitate a more joined up approach to the safeguarding aspect of the committee's work.
12. The district/borough co-optee position has rotated between the five authorities with each appointment lasting two years. This Council was next to nominate in 2020 however this will not now be required and this body will therefore be removed from the list.

Additions to the List

13. Since appointments to outside bodies were made in May 2017, there have been no additions to the Council's list of approved outside bodies.

Reports on Outside Bodies

14. It has previously been agreed that Members appointed to outside bodies are required to produce an annual report (published in the Members' Bulletin) to keep all other Councillors informed of the work of the outside body or bodies to which they had been appointed. Appendix 5 lists the reports that have been received from the Council's representatives over the last municipal year. While it is noted only a few reports have been received from the appointed representatives during the last year, it is acknowledged that in some cases this is due to the fact that the outside body has not met or the Council's representative has been unable to attend any meetings.
15. A template for reports and timetable will be circulated after the meeting to those Members who represent the Council on outside bodies for reports to be submitted for inclusion in the Members' Bulletin.

Dr Anthony Leonard
Executive Director

Risk Assessment Statement

Failure to appoint representatives to outside bodies may result in the loss of conduit between the Council and the respective external organisations.

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

OUTSIDE BODY	DETAILS OF APPOINTMENTS IN 2017/18	APPOINTMENT REQUIRED FOR 2018/19
Battle Abbey Explanatory Board (formerly the Battle Abbey Advisory Group).	Councillor Curtis	Appointment required.
Bexhill Town Forum Executive Committee	Councillor Mrs Hughes (Substitute: Councillor Hollidge)	One appointment and one substitute appointment required.
Combe Valley Community Interest Company	Councillor Kenward and Ms A.E Davies	Two appointments required.
Connecting Hastings and Rother Together, Local Action Group	Councillor Hollidge Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hughes	One appointment and one substitute appointment required.
De La Warr Pavilion Charitable Trust	Councillor Kentfield	One appointment required.
Dungeness Power Station Site Stakeholders Group	Councillor Lord Ampthill (Substitute: Councillor Osborne)	One appointment and one substitute appointment required.
East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development Ltd	Councillor Lord Ampthill	One appointment required.
East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor J Barnes	One appointment required.
Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee (3 year appointments)	Councillors Lord Ampthill and Stevens	Two appointments required.
Hastings and Bexhill Renaissance Ltd (SeaSpace)	Councillor Lord Ampthill	One appointment required.
Hastings Furniture Service (SLA)	Councillor Watson	One appointment required.
Local Government Association – Coastal Issues Special Interest Group	Councillor Jenkins	One appointment required.
Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board (formerly - Pevensey Levels Internal Drainage Board (Shadow Board))	Mr R.H. Patten	One appointment required.

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Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board	Councillors Bird, J. Johnson, Osborne and Mrs Prochak and Mr D. Lovejoy, Mr R.A. Nickerson and Mr R. H. Patten.	Seven appointments required.
Romney Marsh Partnership	Councillor Mrs Hart	One appointment required.
Rural Rother Trust	Chairman of Council – Councillor Mrs Barnes (R) , Vice-Chairman of Council – Councillor Johnson (R) , and Councillors Browne, Elliston, Ganly and Mrs Prochak	Four appointments required.
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Management Committee (SLA)	Mr A.H. Lloyd and Councillor J.M. Johnson (Substitute: Councillor Browne)	Two appointments and one substitute appointment required.
Rye Partnership	Councillor Osborne	One appointment required.
Safer Rother Partnership: Violent Crime Action Group	Councillors Mrs Hughes and Jenkins	Two appointments required. (1 rural 1 Bexhill).
WARR Partnership	Councillor Browne	One appointment required.

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RESERVED APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE BODY	REPRESENTATIVE(S) APPOINTED IN 2017/18	APPOINTMENT REQUIRED FOR 2018/19
Action in Rural Sussex (SLA)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs – Councillor Ganly (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hart)	No – Leader to confirm substitute only
1066 Country Member Liaison Group (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Culture and Tourism – Councillor Mrs S Hart	No
A21 Reference Group (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transport and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillors Hollidge and Osborne	No
De La Warr Pavilion	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Culture and Tourism – Councillor Hart	No
District Councils’ Network (DCN)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard	No
East Sussex Strategic Partnership (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard (Substitute: Councillor Jenkins)	No - Leader to confirm substitute only
East Sussex Waste Portfolio Holders Group (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling – Councillor Ganly (Substitute: Councillor Kentfield)	No - Leader to confirm substitute only
Hastings and Rother Task Force (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard	No
High Weald AONB Forum / Joint Advisory Committee	Chairman of the Planning Committee - Councillor Kentfield	No
Local Government Association (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard	No
Rother Local Strategic Partnership	Deputy Leader of the Council – Councillor Kenward	No

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South East Employers (R)	Chairman of Licensing & General Purposes Committee – Councillor Saint (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hughes – Vice-Chairman)	No
The Sussex Local General Panel (formerly known as the AmicusHorizon Area Panel) (R)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing – Councillor Mrs Hughes	No
Team East Sussex (TES) (R)	Leader of the Council – Councillor Maynard	No
Tourism South East (R)	Councillor Mrs Hart (Substitute: Councillor Kenward)	No - Leader to confirm substitute only

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OUTSIDE BODY	DETAILS OF APPOINTMENTS IN 2017/18	NO APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED FOR 2018/19
Battle Area Sports Centre Management Committee (4 years)	Councillors J. Johnson and Curtis (expires June 2019), and Ganly (expires June 2020) (Substitutes: Elliston and Jenkins expires June 2019)	No appointments required.
Bexhill Chamber of Commerce and Tourism	Councillor Hollidge - appointed until May 2019	No appointment required.
Bexhill Museum Limited (formerly Society of Bexhill Museums) (SLA)	Councillor Mrs Hughes (Substitute: Councillor A.K. Azad)	No appointment required. Two year appointment agreed in 17/18, thereafter every four years from 2019 – to coincide with the life of the Council.
Bexhill Trust (5 years) (The membership of the Trust will continue for the periods indicated.)	Councillors A K Azad (May 2021), J.J. Carroll (May 2021), Mrs Hughes (June 2019), Kentfield (June 2019), Kenward (June 2022) & Mayor (R) and Deputy Mayor (R) (ex-officio), Mrs J. Potts (May 2021) and M.R. Watson (May 2021)	No appointments required.
Bexhill Youth Council Adult Support Group (SLA)	Councillor Hollidge	TO BE REMOVED FROM LIST – NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED
East Sussex County Council's Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	None – Eastbourne Borough Council Representative (RDC due to appoint again in 2020)	TO BE REMOVED FROM LIST – COMMITTEE NO LONGER EXISTS
East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Mrs Barnes (Substitute Councillor Osborne) until May 2019	No appointment required.
Hastings Advice and Representation Centre (HARC) (SLA)	Councillor Elliston (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hughes)	No appointment required. Two year appointment agreed in 17/18, thereafter every four years from 2019 – to coincide with the life of the Council.

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Hastings and Rother Mediation Service (SLA)	Councillor Saint (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hart)	No appointment required. Two year appointment agreed in 17/18, thereafter every four years from 2019 – to coincide with the life of the Council.
Police & Crime Commissioner Panel (4 years)	Councillor Mrs Kirby-Green (expires May 2019) (Substitute: Councillors Saint and Graham)	No appointment required.
Rother District Citizens Advice Bureau (SLA)	Councillor Mrs Hart (Substitute: Councillor TBA)	No appointment required. Two year appointment agreed in 17/18, thereafter every four years from 2019 – to coincide with the life of the Council.
Rother Voluntary Action (SLA)	Councillor Potts (Substitute: Councillor G. Johnson)	No appointment required. Two year appointment agreed in 17/18, thereafter every four years from 2019 – to coincide with the life of the Council.
Rye Chamber of Commerce	Councillor Stevens	TO BE REMOVED FROM LIST – NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED
Rye Sports Centre Advisory Committee (4 years)	Councillors Lord Ampthill, Osborne and Stevens (Substitute: Councillor Mrs Hart) (expires May 2019)	No appointments required.
Safer Rother Partnership (4 years)	Councillor Mrs Kirby-Green (expires May 2019)	No appointment required.

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Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS): Councillor Ganly

The three operational aims of AiRS are:

1. to reduce the incidence and impact of disadvantage and poverty on people living in rural areas;
2. to increase the capacity of rural communities to manage change for the benefit of all their members; and
3. to inform and amplify the voice of rural communities to influence public policy.

RDC participates in the recently created Sussex Community Housing Hub and will contribute £100,000 over four years. AiRS, which already supports a number of Community Land Trusts in Sussex, including one in Rother, has been commissioned to run the Hub.

The Chief Executive, Jeremy Leggett, has announced his retirement after 29 years and we await details of his successor.

Since my appointment to AiRS, only one meeting has been held, which I attended.

Battle Area Sports Centre Management Committee: Councillor Ganly

RDC contributes £6,000 p.a. towards the cost of upkeep and repairs and will continue to do so until March 2023. The Committee is fully briefed by Claverham staff at the A.G.M.

Bexhill Trust: Councillor Mrs Potts

I am very happy to continue with their charitable monetary help in Bexhill.

Bexhill Youth Council: Councillor Hollidge

Main concerns:

- 1) The Bexhill Youth Council does not exist due to lack of members and no committee.
- 2) We do not, as I understand it provide any money or administration.

However, a new structure is being created and a request has been made for the +/- £800 in the account to be transferred over.

De La Warr Pavilion: Councillor Mrs Hart

A vital asset for Rother and I have attended necessary meetings.

East Sussex Waste Portfolio Holders Group: Councillor Ganly

It is several years ago that I attended a meeting of this group which appears to have ceased.

Hastings Furniture Service: Councillor Watson

Fully supportive of the Hastings Furniture Service; it provides good value to Rother.

LGA Coastal Issues Group: Councillor Jenkins

It is important that as a coastal authority we are represented as are the many covering the whole country. The Executive are well aware of the actions of the group who have direct links with Government Ministers on the subject of the environment.

This last year we had the tragic case relating to Camber, which was presented to the group by Brenda Mason. This was beneficial for other authorities to hear about, not least to learn lessons from, which would be valuable in their own planning.

Romney Marsh Partnership: Councillor Hart

The Partnership is undertaking some good initiatives and it is worth RDC staying involved with a formal appointment. I would also like to remain RDC's representative as we have achieved quite a bit in the last 3 years, in particular. The relationship between Rother, Shepway and Ashford is mutually beneficial.

Rother Rural Trust: Councillor Ganly

The Trust was set up in 1998, funded initially by proceeds of the then RDC Chairman's fund-raising (David Amies) and, subsequently, by legacies and donations from Parish Councils. No financial contribution from RDC. The scope is rural Rother i.e. Rother minus Bexhill, Battle and Rye and its objects are wide:

1. "for the relief of poverty;
2. the advancement of education; and
3. any other charitable object for the benefit of the community of rural Rother."

The trustees are six RDC councillors (re-)appointed every year, one County Councillor and one Parish Councillor. The Trust meets twice a year for discussion on grants and other activities, but has an email procedure for urgent decision making. There is no formal application form; applications are by letter to the Clerk. Grants have ranged from £45 to £500. The types of grants given in the past have been for:

1. contribution to course fees at Plumpton College;
2. cooker, carpeting, washing machine, mattress for needy individuals;
3. help to buy sports equipment or obtain sports club training; and
4. help for organisations such as Guides, Youth Forum, Disability Forum, School (after school activities), and Village Hall.

Rother Voluntary Action: Councillor Mrs Potts

I am very happy to continue.

Tourism South East (TSE): Councillor Hart

I have not been invited to attend any meetings this year, but as RDC will be reviewing tourism in the near future, it will be necessary to liaise with TSE.

OUTSIDE BODY / MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Members' Bulletin Edition / link
Bexhill Museum / Mrs Hughes	October 2017 - http://www.rothermembersbulletin.co.uk/13019
1066 Country Member Liaison Group / Mrs Hart	November 2017 http://www.rothermembersbulletin.co.uk/13018
East Sussex Association of Local Councils / Lord Ampthill	March 2018 http://www.rothermembersbulletin.co.uk/13076
Romney Marsh Partnership	March 2018 http://www.rothermembersbulletin.co.uk/13076
Hastings Furniture Service / Councillor Watson	April 2018 http://www.rothermembersbulletin.co.uk/13093
Hastings Advice and Representation Centre / Councillor Elliston	April 2018 http://www.rothermembersbulletin.co.uk/13093