Rother District Council

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	7 March 2022
Report of the	-	Chief Executive
Subject	-	Appointment to outside bodies: East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development Ltd (SeaChange) and Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board

Recommendation: It be RESOLVED: That

- 1) Councillor P.C. Courtel be appointed to East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development Ltd (SeaChange) for the remainder of this current administration, expiring in May 2023 and that attendance thereat be designated an approved duty; and
- 2) Mr David Oliver be appointed as this Council's representative to the Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board with effect from 1 April 2022, expiring in May 2023.

East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development Ltd (SeaChange)

- 1. Following the resignation of Councillor Dixon as this Council's appointed representative to East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development Ltd (SeaChange) with effect from 15 February 2022, a replacement representative is required.
- 2. Whilst appointments to outside bodies are usually a years' duration appointed at the Annual Council meeting in May unless otherwise specified, given the proximity to May it is recommended that this appointment be made up until May 2023.
- 3. In consultation with the Leader of the Council it is proposed that Councillor Courtel be appointed to East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development Ltd (SeaChange).

Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board

- 4. The Council has received notification from Mr R.A. Nickerson that he intends to resign as one of this Council's representatives on the Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board (IDB) with effect from 31 March 2022. Mr Nickerson has enjoyed representing Rother District Council on the IDB but feels after having served 63 years in the land drainage and sea defence industry it is time to move on.
- 5. In tendering his resignation Mr Nickerson has recommended that a Mr David Oliver, the Clerk / Engineer to the IDB for 15 years before he retired would be a good replacement. Mr Oliver has lived his life in the Rother District and has considerable knowledge of the marshes land drainage. It is confirmed that Mr Oliver is happy to be put forward as this Council's representative.

6. As above, whilst appointments to outside bodies are usually a years' duration appointed at the Annual Council meeting in May unless otherwise specified, given the proximity to May it is recommended that this appointment also be made up until May 2023.

Conclusion

7. Council is therefore invited to agree the Council's appointed representative on the East Sussex Energy, Infrastructure & Development and with immediate effect and to the Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board from 1 April until May 2023.

Malcolm Johnston Chief Executive

Risk Assessment Statement

There are no risks arising from this report.