



**REPORT of
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

to
COUNCIL
6 JULY 2022

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To address Member appointments for the two outside bodies and vacancy on the Corporate Governance Working Group as detailed in the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) that a Member representative be appointed to the Safer Essex Group for the remainder of the municipal year;
- (ii) that an Independent Group substitute be confirmed to sit on the Police, Fire and Crime Panel.
- (iii) that one Member is appointed to the vacancy on the Corporate Governance Working Group.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Safer Essex Group have written to officers and requested a Member representative. Terms of reference for the group are attached at **APPENDIX A**.
- 3.2 There has not been a member representative from Maldon for some years and if Members approve the appointment, this will also be included in statutory annual appointments going forwards.
- 3.3 Additionally, at the Statutory Annual Council meeting on 12 May 2022, Members appointed Councillor M S Heard as representative for The Police, Fire and Crime Panel and Councillor Heubner as a substitute. The Panel have unfortunately advised that they are governed by political balanced legislation, and that the named substitute needs to be from the same political group as Councillor Heard, and so we are seeking Member confirmation for the Substitute position.
- 3.4 On 12 May 2022, Councillor Mrs P A Channer was appointed to sit on the Corporate Governance Working Group as part of the wider Statutory Annual appointments but is also allocated a seat in her position as Leader of the Council. This means there is a vacant seat on the Working Group. Current Working Group members are shown in the table below:

To Appoint	Appointed Members
Leader of the Council Leader of the Opposition And six Members of the Council	Leader of the Council Leader of the Opposition R G Boyce, MBE C Mayes E L Stephens Mrs J C Stilts Mrs M E Thompson One vacancy

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The report addresses two Member outside body appointments and working group vacancy following recent officer contact

5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 Outside Bodies and Working Group representation links to outcomes across the Corporate Plan and all strategic themes. Attendance helps to contribute to Performance and Efficiency, with Maldon District Council (MDC) working with partners.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Attendance limits risk, as MDC are aware of what is going on in wider partner context.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – Officer and member time taken to attend Local Government and Outside Bodies.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** - Working with partners, some of the bodies link to community themes.

Background Papers: None.

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