

<b>Report title</b>	<b>Community Services Appointments 2024</b>
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<b>Department</b>	Law and Governance
<b>Exempt</b>	No
<b>Exemption Type</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reason for Exemption</b>	Not applicable

**Purpose of report:**  
To resolve

**Synopsis of report:**  
The Committee is asked to consider the following appointments to the following Community Services related bodies for 2024/25 and to nominate and approve the appointments accordingly

**Recommendation(s):**  
To resolve

**THE COMMITTEE IS ASKED to consider the following appointments to the Community Services Sub-Groups and other related bodies for the Municipal Year 2024/2025:-**

1. **Two Officers** to serve on the **Cabrera Trust Management Committee**. The Management Committee comprises the three Virginia Water Councillors ex officio, **These are Councillors C Howorth, J Hulley and K Rowsell**. Two Officers acting as the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for the Trust. The term of these appointments runs from the end of the Cabrera Trust’s Annual General Meeting in 2024 to the end of the said same meeting in 2025. The Group meets twice a year here at the Civic Offices (the next scheduled dates are 18 July 2024 and 7 January 2025) and the retiring Officer appointees are the **Corporate Head of Financial Services** (Paul French) and the **Open Spaces and Community Development Manager** (Chris Swatridge). It is proposed that these Officer appointees continue.
2. **Two Members** to serve on the **Chertsey Meads Management Liaison Group**. The Constitution of the Group provides that the meetings of the Liaison Group shall be chaired by a Member of the Council representing the Community Services Committee, but they do not need to be a member of this Committee provided they have an interest in Chertsey Meads and/or conservation issues. In the past, Members have also agreed that it would be appropriate to appoint a Member representing one of the Chertsey or Addlestone wards. The Group meets twice a year (scheduled dates are 3 September 2024 and 4 March 2025). The retiring Members are **Councillors M Nuti** (Chair) and **J Mavi**. Both Councillors Nuti and Mavi would like to continue, if nominated, to continue promoting and protecting the

Meads. Councillor Nuti added that he has served on the Group for 10 years and has over these years built a rapport with local residents in and around the area.

3. The appointment of an **Older Persons Champion**. Members are asked to note that when this was considered in November 2009 by the former Housing and Community Services Committee it was agreed that the duties associated with the post should be tailored, where possible, to accommodate the availability of the appointee. The retiring Member is **Councillor M Harnden**. Councillor Harnden is happy to continue in the role if nominated. She stated in her reply that when previously Deputy Mayor and then Mayor she was visiting many organisations for older people and has continued connections with some of those since. Councillor Harnden added that she will continue to look for opportunities to interact with older people in the borough and champion any causes they bring to her attention.
4. **Three Members** to serve on the **Community Services Partnership Board with Surrey Heath**. The Board also consists of three elected Members (two of the possible three spaces were appointed to) from Surrey Heath Borough Council, the Corporate Head of Community Services and other relevant Officers. The Partnership Board is intended to meet four times per year. However, this will be subject to a review of arrangements in 2024/2025. The retiring Members are **Councillors A King (Reserve), C Howorth and S Lewis** and former Councillor S Walsh.
5. **One Member** to serve on the **Community Safety Partnership**. The other Member appointment will be made by the Crime and Disorder Committee which was due to meet on 4 July 2024. However, owing to the General Election, the Chair and Members of that Committee have been consulted on moving this meeting to another date.

The Committee is asked to note that Councillor Howorth's appointment to the **Place Based, Health and Wellbeing Partnership** is for the period 2023 – 2027 so is not included this time.

#### **Background papers**

- Relevant Correspondence between Democratic Services, Community Services and Financial Services

#### **Appendices**

- None