

Annual Appointments to Outside Bodies (Law and Governance – Carol Holehouse)

Synopsis of Report:

This report updates the Committee on nominations received for outside bodies due for renewal this year.

Recommendations:

- i) **The Committee considers the nominations received and makes appointments; and**
- ii) **a further nomination round be undertaken to invite nominations to outside bodies where no nominations have been received**

1. In accordance with the new procedure for appointments to outside bodies as agreed at Corporate Management on 20th January 2022. The report attached at Appendix 'A' lists all the appointments to outside bodies due for renewal and nominations received. For ease of reference nominations received are highlighted in blue text. Voting on appointments will be by hand and no debate or new nominations are allowed at this stage.
2. There are several outside bodies where no nominations have been received and a further nomination round will be undertaken to invite nominations to those outside bodies and a report thereon will be made to the July meeting.
3. For the assistance of Members, Officers have been able to categorise the nature of each body listed for appointment in Appendix 'A' as follows:
 - A:** These bodies are internal Council bodies or are formal joint Committees or joint working groups set up with other authorities. Members serve on them as Council Members and as far as liability is concerned are covered by the Council's insurances.
 - B:** These bodies are independent of the Council but are advisory or consultative and appointees have a representative function rather than an executive one. The purpose of the appointment is to speak on behalf of Runnymede Borough Council. Appointees should not find themselves participating in any act which incurs legal liabilities.
 - C:** These bodies are independent outside bodies and the appointees are placed there to act as Trustees, members of the Management Committee, or some similar role. They are not there to act as Council representatives but to use their judgement in the best interests of the Charity. In many cases, while acting on the outside body, they will be under a positive legal duty to act in its best interests rather than those of the Council. Council insurance does not cover them, but **Members of the Council are currently covered by an indemnity** when appointed by the Council, which the Council has agreed to provide.

Representatives who are not Members of the Council, however, are not covered by the Council's indemnity.

4. For each appointment in Appendix 'A', whether the person appointed must be, should preferably be, or need not be a Member of the Council, is denoted by the following:

- 1) * Denotes person MUST be a Member of the Council
- 2) ** Denotes person appointed should preferably be a Member of the Council
- 3) *** Denotes person appointed need not be a Member of the Council

(To resolve)

Background Papers

None