

## EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL – 9 SEPTEMBER 2024

### Appointments to Outside Bodies

#### (ADLD)

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1. In addition to the committees and sub-committees established by the Council, Three Rivers District Council also appoints to several outside bodies. These bodies are independent of the council but with objectives and activities which align with those of the council, and which have requested council appointments to them. The Council also appoints to several and bodies without decision-making powers.
- 1.2. With partnership and community working a key element in delivering the corporate framework 2023-26<sup>1</sup>, this report recommends the appointment of council representatives to various outside bodies and internal bodies.
- 1.3. Recent changes in political grouping allow for an opportunity for the political groups to update their appointments to outside bodies.

#### 2. Details

- 2.1. There is no legal requirement for appointments to outside bodies to be appointed to on a politically proportionate basis, hence why no such calculation is appended to this report.
- 2.2. The proposed appointments set out at Appendix A follow from consultation with the political groups represented on the Council.

#### 3. Options and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. Appointments to outside bodies are made by the Council (or, via delegated authority, the Monitoring Officer) with the names proposed by the political groups. The alternative options, such as not to make appointments to some or all bodies, to make appointments in-year, remain available to the Council. However, there is no apparent desire among the members of the Council to cease making appointments and so the report recommends the appointments contained within Appendix A.

#### 4. Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

- 4.1. There are no direct policy or budget implications.

#### 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications

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<sup>1</sup> [Corporate Framework and performance management | Three Rivers District Council](https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/your-council/corporate-framework) / <https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/your-council/corporate-framework>

**6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1. The legal requirements for proportionality of committee seat does not apply to appointments to outside bodies as these are not established as committees of the Council.
- 6.2. It is important for councillors appointed to outside bodies to be clear about the nature of the appointment, including whether they have a decision-making role or not. Different duties and responsibilities apply depending on the councillor's role on the outside body and councillors need to be aware of the potential for conflicts of interest to arise.

**7. Staffing Implications**

- 7.1. There are no direct staffing implications arising from the recommendations of the report.

**8. Equal Opportunities Implications**

- 8.1. There are no direct equal opportunities implications arising from the recommendations of the report.

**9. Climate Change and Sustainability Implications**

- 9.1. There are no direct climate or sustainability implications arising from the recommendations of the report.

**10. Communications and Website Implications**

- 10.1. Appointments to outside bodies are shown within the minutes of Council meetings. Outside bodies themselves often host their own websites which set out their appointees.

**11. Risk and Health & Safety Implications**

- 11.1. There are no risk or health and safety implications

**12. Recommendation(s)**

- 12.1. To approve the appointments to outside bodies and internal bodies as set out at Appendix A.
- 12.2. To agree that where there are any outstanding places the relevant political group may give written notice to the Monitoring Officer of their appointments.
- 12.3. To agree that the political groups may notify the Monitoring Officer of any in-year changes to outside body membership by giving written notice.
- 12.4. To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential changes to the constitution arising out of this report.

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**Data Quality**

Data sources: N/A

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**Data rating:**

<b>1</b>	<b>Poor</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>High</b>	

**Background Papers**

None

**Appendices**

Appendix A – Appointments to Outside Bodies