

**Crawley County Local Committee**

**25 February 2020**

**Gatwick Green Space Partnership**

**Report by Director of Law and Assurance**

<b>Ref No: C06(19/20)</b>
<b>Key Decision: No</b>
<b>Part I</b>
<b>Electoral Division(s): All in Crawley CLC area</b>

**Summary**

Outside bodies are external organisations and partnerships which have requested that the County Council appoint an Elected Member or a representative to them.

The Crawley County Local Committee has two representatives on the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP).

**Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to appoint Richard Burrett and Karen Sudan as its two representatives as discussed at the previous meeting and outlined in the report until the end of the Council term (May 2021).

**Proposal**

**1. Background and Context**

1.1 Outside bodies are external organisations and partnerships which have requested that the County Council appoint an Elected Member or a representative to them. Participation in outside bodies:

- Contributes to the County Council's strategic functions, priorities or community leadership roles.
- Supports partnership and joint working.
- Enables Members to gain and share knowledge and expertise.

1.2 The criteria for appointments to outside bodies as set out in the Constitution are:

- That the interests of the County Council can be assisted by the making of the appointment or renewal of the appointment.
- That the member is able to devote the time needed to meet the expectations of the external body and the Council.
- That, where the external body has a geographical limit to its functions, whether the member's division falls within or close to that area should be taken into consideration.
- That the Member has the knowledge, skills or interest in the work of the organisation that may be required.
- That the Member is prepared to provide such information on his or her participation in the work of the outside body as may be required.

1.3 All Members are eligible to be appointed as representatives of the County Council to Outside Bodies. Members appointed to Outside Bodies must respond to all reasonable requests for information about the work of the outside body and their participation in it.

## **2. Proposal**

2.1 Crawley County Local Committee is responsible for making member appointments to the Gatwick Green Space Partnership. The Greenspace Partnership is a community project that works to benefit people, wildlife and the countryside between Horsham, Crawley, Horley, Reigate and Dorking.

2.2 The Crawley County Local Committee is recommended to appoint members to the Outside Bodies as listed in Appendix A for the County Council Term (to May 2021). As stated in the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee also has a role to monitor the effectiveness of such appointments and the work of those bodies to which appointments are made.

## **3. Resources**

3.1 There are no resource implications.

## **Factors taken into account**

### **4. Consultation**

4.1 The Cabinet reviewed the list of outside bodies in January 2020 to ensure that the County Council continues to appoint to bodies that are relevant to the County Council and are consistent with its priorities. Consultation has also taken place at the previous meeting of the Crawley CLC to discuss the appointments.

### **5. Risk Implications and Mitigations**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigating Action (in place or planned)</b>
Member Interests	Continue to comply with the County Council's Code of Conduct when they are acting as a representative of the Council. Comply with the code of conduct of the outside body they are appointed to if one exists. Declare a personal interest in any business of the County Council where it relates to a body they are appointed to by the County Council.
Access to information	All Members are recommended to make sure that when they take up their appointment with the outside body they have access to the key documents regulating the organisation such as its constitution or terms of reference to ensure they are aware of what the body can and cannot

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	do, and receive a briefing on the body or their role within it if necessary.
No appointment	There is a risk that appointments will not be made to all of the outside bodies which could hinder the County Council in furthering its interests and priorities, and not develop the external facing role of Members. Appointment to this body as part of this decision mitigates this risk.

## **6. Other Options Considered**

6.1 The County Local Committee may choose not to appoint to the Outside Bodies but should consider whether there are any implications arising for the County Council by not making an appointment.

## **7. Equality Duty**

7.1 The Equality Duty does not need to be addressed in this decision as it is a report making an appointment to an outside body.

## **8. Social Value**

8.1 Not applicable.

## **9. Crime and Disorder Act Implications**

9.1 Not applicable.

## **10. Human Rights Implications**

10.1 Not applicable.

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## **Appendices**

Appendix A: Appointments by Crawley County Local Committee

## **Background Papers**

None