

## **Report to Cabinet**

**20 June 2023**

### **Review and Appointment to Outside Bodies**

#### **Report by Director of Law and Assurance**

**Electoral division(s): All**

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### **Summary**

Outside bodies are external organisations which have requested that the County Council appoints an elected member or a representative to them or to which the Council expects to make appointments.

### **Recommendation**

Cabinet is asked to approve:

- (1) the removal of the Shadow Sussex Integrated Care System Partnership Forum from the Outside Bodies List, following establishment of the Sussex Integrated Care System (ICS) through an Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the Health and Care Assembly.
- (2) The appointment of Cllr Greenway to the Bognor Regis Regeneration Board for the remainder of the Council term (to May 2025).

### **Proposal**

#### **1 Background and context**

- 1.1 The Council maintains a list of outside bodies which have requested that the County Council appoints 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 councillors to gain and share knowledge and expertise
- 1.2 All Councillors are eligible to be appointed as representatives of the County Council on outside bodies. Political proportionality does not apply to the arrangements for making appointments to outside bodies. The decision maker can consider whether a person who is not an elected member may be more suited to act as the appointee of the County Council in any particular case. Councillors appointed to outside bodies must respond to all

reasonable requests for information about the work of the outside body and their participation in it.

- 1.3 The Council, through the Cabinet, needs to consider from time to time whether an outside body should be added to or removed from the list, a.

## **2 Proposal details**

- 2.1 In July 2021, the Cabinet took a decision to add the Shadow Sussex Integrated Care System Partnership Forum ([Health and Social Care Integration CAB03 21/22](#)) to its list of Outside Bodies in order for the County Council to effectively discharge its role under proposals in the Health and Social Care Bill.
- 2.2 In July 2022, the Health and Care Act introduced new governance for the NHS nationally and locally, and changes to partnership arrangements to enable greater integration within the NHS and collaboration between the NHS and social care. The decision report: [Proposals for Integrated Care System Arrangements \(CAB01 22/23\)](#) set out the County Council's participation in these new arrangements through the establishment of an Integrated Care Board (ICB) and a Health and Care Assembly. Cabinet took the decision on 17 May 2022 to approve the addition of the Health and Care Assembly to its list of Outside Bodies, and the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing as the County Council's representative.
- 2.3 The Cabinet is asked to approve the removal of the Shadow Sussex Integrated Care System Partnership Forum following establishment of, and West Sussex County Council's formal involvement in the ICS through an Integrated Care Board and the Health and Care Assembly.
- 2.4 The Cabinet is responsible for making member appointments to outside bodies both collectively and individually within their portfolio areas. The Cabinet made appointments to the majority of Outside Bodies in June 2021, which included an appointment of Cllr Waight to the Bognor Regis Regeneration Board. In this report, the Cabinet is asked to confirm the appointment of Cllr Greenway to replace Cllr Waight on the Bognor Regis Regeneration Board for the remainder of the Council term (to May 2025).

## **3 Other options considered (and reasons for not proposing)**

- 3.1 The Shadow Sussex Integrated Care System Partnership Forum is no longer operational and therefore no appointment to this former Outside Body is required. There are no implications arising for the County Council by its removal as it has been replaced by an ICB and the Health and Care Assembly to which the Council has made appropriate appointments.
- 3.2 The Cabinet may choose not to appoint to outside bodies but should consider whether there are any implications arising for the County Council by not making those appointments.

## **4 Consultation, engagement and advice**

- 4.1 The Cabinet has been consulted on this review of outside bodies to ensure that the County Council continues to appoint to bodies that assist the County Council and are consistent with its priorities.

## 5 Finance

5.1 There are no financial or resource implications.

## 6 Risk implications and mitigations

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigating Action (in place or planned)</b>
WSCC list of Outside Bodies is out of date	By frequent reviewing of the list of Outside Bodies and the requirement and effectiveness of those listed therein, the County Council holds an up to date and relevant record of member engagement with external organisations and partnerships.
Conflicting interests	All councillors appointed to an outside body must declare a personal interest in any business of the county council where it relates to a body to which they are appointed to by the county council.
Ineffectiveness in the role	Appointees should obtain key documents regulating the organisation - constitution or terms of reference - to ensure they are aware of what the body does and receive a briefing on it and their role within it

## 7 Policy alignment and compliance

7.1 There are no equality duty, social value, crime and disorder or human rights implications.

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### Appendices

None

### Background papers

None