

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FROM:** Head of Corporate Services

**REPORT NUMBER**

**G5**

**TO:** COUNCIL

**DATE OF MEETING:**

17 May 2007

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIPS FROM 17 MAY 2007**

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To enable the Council to appoint representatives to outside bodies and partnerships for the four-year period from 17 May 2007.
- 1.2 To note the position regarding the CEP (Community Energy Project) – Sudbury Communities Area Forum.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Council passes the necessary resolution, as set out below, if it is minded to conduct elections by ballot:-

That in cases where there are more candidates than there are seats, the appointments be decided where appropriate by election to be held by ballot in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 22.4. Further that in the event of there being an equality of votes, the matter be decided by lots drawn by the Chairman.

- 2.2 That the Council determines the appointment of Members to the bodies detailed in Appendices A and B in accordance with its decision under 2.1 above, and taking into account 2.2 below. Further, that the appointments be made for the current term of office except where the appointment is linked to the holder of a particular role such as Chairman of Strategy Committee or where the body or partnership in question imposes a different timescale.
- 2.2 That any appointment to the CEP – Sudbury Communities Area Forum be made on an interim basis, subject to the outcome of the current review of the CEP.

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None, other than the payment of normal travel and subsistence allowances (provided for in the Council's Budget) where the body or partnership in question does not pay such allowances.

4. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 Some of the Council's statutory obligations are met through its participation in a small number of bodies/partnerships, as identified in Appendices A and B. If appointments were not made to such bodies the Council would have to meet its obligations through another route.

5. **KEY INFORMATION**

- 5.1 This report sets out in Appendices A and B the names identified for appointment to various outside bodies and partnerships listed according to the number of Members expressing an interest in serving on each body as follows:-

Appendix A – one name put forward per appointment

Appendix B – more than one name put forward per appointment

- 5.2 Names have been provided having regard to the Guide which was supplied to all Members following their recent election and which included relevant information about each appointment. Supporting information supplied by Members wishing to serve is included as Appendix C.

- 5.3 Members are asked to note that the CEP – Sudbury Communities Forum – is under review, with a decision pending on its future. The Annual Report of the CEP will be submitted to the next meeting of the Council, by which time more information should be available. In the meantime, it is suggested that the appointment of a Member representative to the Forum should be made on an interim basis.

6. **APPENDICES**

A – Bodies/Partnerships for which one name has been put forward per appointment

B – Bodies/Partnerships for which more than one name has been put forward per appointment

C – Supporting Information from Members whose names have been put forward for appointment

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

None.

**CONTACT:** Linda Sheppard

**DIRECT LINE:** 01473 826610