



Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources

Report to:	Executive
Date:	03 October 2023
Subject:	Appointment to Outside Bodies
Decision Reference:	I030380
Key decision?	No

Summary:

This report requests the Executive to make an appointment to the County Council Network (CCN) to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Robert Parker from the County Council on 31 July 2023.

Recommendation(s):

That the Executive approves the appointment to the CCN as listed in Appendix A.

Alternatives Considered:

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| 1. | Not to make appointments to the outside body as detailed |
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Reasons for Recommendation:

To continue to provide Council representation on organisations, as part of the County Council's community leadership role.

1. Background

The Council's Constitution provides for appointments for joint committees of more than one authority and those bodies where the membership of which is politically balanced, to be made by the County Council, and such appointments were made on 21 May 2021 and 15 September 2023.

Under Part 3 of the Council's Constitution the Executive has responsibility to make appointments to all other outside bodies.

Following the resignation of Councillor Robert Parker from the County Council on 31 July 2023, a vacancy arose on the County Council Network (CCN). It is requested that the Executive approve the appointment of Councillor Karen Lee to this vacancy to ensure that the Council continues to be fully represented on this organisation.

2. Legal Issues:

Equality Act 2010

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic.
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it.
- Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice, and promote understanding.

Compliance with the duties in section 149 may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.

The duty cannot be delegated and must be discharged by the decision-maker. To discharge the statutory duty the decision-maker must analyse all the relevant material with the specific statutory obligations in mind. If a risk of adverse impact is identified

consideration must be given to measures to avoid that impact as part of the decision-making process.

There are not considered to be any impacts arising out of the contents of this report.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The Council must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) in coming to a decision.

There are not considered to be any direct implications arising out of the contents of this report.

Crime and Disorder

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council must exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and re-offending in its area.

There are not considered to be any direct implications arising out of the contents of this report.

3. Conclusion

That appointment to the vacancy on the County Council Network will allow the Council to be fully represented on this organisation.

4. Legal Comments:

The recommendations are lawful and within the remit of the Executive

5. Resource Comments:

There are no additional material financial implications arising from acceptance of the recommendation in this report.

6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

This decision has not been considered by a scrutiny committee

d) Risks and Impact Analysis

as detailed in the body of the report

7. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Executive Appointment to Outside Bodies

8. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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