


Agenda Item No:	11	
Committee:	Cabinet	
Date:	March 2021	
Report Title:	Review of Outside Body Organisations 2021/22	

1 Purpose / Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable Cabinet to review and agree the list of outside bodies requiring elected Member representation during 2021/22. The appointment of representatives for the revised list of outside body organisations will be considered at the July meeting of Cabinet.

2 Key issues

- In addition to attending Council meetings and other constituency work, Councillors are required to sit as representatives of the Council on other organisations and agencies known as Outside Bodies
- An "Outside Body" is an organisation that has a separate governance structure to that of the Council
- The Council appoints elected members to represent it on a range of Outside Bodies at a national and local level. Such appointments ensure that the Council's and residents interests are represented within key agencies
- The Council recognises the value outside organisations make to the wider community and in the achievement of the Council's corporate priorities.
- The rules relating to political proportionality in relation to the membership of committees are set out in The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the supporting regulations. It is best practice to reflect these rules when allocating places on outside body organisations.
- A Member led review of Outside Body organisations was conducted by a sub group of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel in 2013/14. The review sub group were keen to ensure greater transparency, particularly in relation to; the representative appointment process, ensuring a clear and tangible link between those outside bodies requiring representation and corporate priorities and/ or funding provided by the District Council. As a result the following recommendations arose from the review regarding the types of outside organisations that warranted representation. The recommendations were subsequently endorsed by Full Council
 - Statutory outside bodies
 - Organisations to which the District Council contributes funding - To ensure that public money is used properly and achieves value for money
 - Organisations which have a clear link to key objectives outlined in the Corporate Plan

3 Recommendations

- For Cabinet to consider and agree the list of Outside Body organisations requiring representation, that fulfil the representation criteria.
- Agree the list of Outside Body Organisations that no longer fulfil the criteria for representation.
- Consider at the July meeting of Cabinet the appointment of elected members to the agreed list of Outside Body organisations.
- For Cabinet to delegate to the Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Group Leaders the addition or deletion of outside bodies as the need arises during the municipal year and appointment of Members to vacancies on outside bodies during the municipal year.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	
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Background Paper(s)	<p>Outside Bodies Review Scoping Report</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Outside Bodies Review Report</p> <p>Outside Bodies Cabinet Report (2)</p>

4 OUTSIDE BODY ORGANISATIONS

Background / introduction

Cabinet previously endorsed the recommendations arising from the 2013/14 Member Led Review of Outside Body organisations; namely that Outside Body organisations requiring representation from the District Council should fulfil one or more of the following criteria.

- Statutory Outside Bodies
- Organisation to which the District Council contributes funding - To ensure public money is used properly and achieves value for money
- Organisation which have a clear link to key objectives outlined in the Business Plan

Political proportionality rules are applied to outside bodies as best practice by the Council. It should be noted that political groups can appoint members who are not aligned to a political group, or indeed aligned to another group, to seats allocated to them, under the political proportionality rules.

Following the Member Led review of Outside Bodies, the criteria for considering Fenland District Council representation have been stringently applied. As a result the 54 Outside Body organisations currently requiring representation, have all previously fulfilled the criteria identified as a result of the Member Led Review. 33 organisations are defined as either Statutory Organisations or Outside Bodies to which the District Council contributes funding. The remaining 21 organisations were assessed as being linked to key objectives in the 2020/21 Corporate Business Plan.

Given the change in approach and structure of the Corporate Business Plan for 2021/22, it provides an opportunity for Cabinet to review the 21 Outside Body organisations that were linked to key objectives in the former Business Plan for 2020/21. This will ensure that Outside Body representation will be considered in accordance with the key objectives in the current Business Plan and therefore confirm or otherwise that all organisations continue to meet the representation criteria.

The table contained within Appendix A outlines the Outside Bodies currently requiring representation, the level of required representation and highlights organisations that members of Cabinet may wish to reconsider in relation to establishing links to key objectives in the recently approved Corporate Business Plan.

In the event that members agree that any of the 21 organisations linked to the former Business Plan key objectives, no longer fulfil any of the previously

agreed outside body representation criteria, then they will be removed from the list of organisations and informed accordingly.

It is envisaged that the process of nominating and reviewing representatives on Outside Bodies will occur at the start of the municipal year unless in exceptional circumstances. Nominations are considered during the July Cabinet meeting.

The Outside Body organisation that members of Cabinet may wish to consider in respect of Fenland District Council representation are as follows;

- Cambridgeshire Horizons
- Cambridgeshire Military Community Covenant Board
- Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board + District Lead Members Group
- Chatteris Community Centre Association
- College of West Anglia Governing Body
- Community Learning and Skills Partnership
- Fenland Diverse Communities Forum
- Fenland Health and Care Forum
- Fenland Tension Monitoring Group
- Fenland Transport and Access Partnership
- Fenland Transport Strategy
- Fenland Twinning Association
- Health Committee
- Hanson, Fletton Brickworks Industry
- March Area Transport Study
- March Education Foundation
- Wisbech Community Development Trust (Oasis Village Centre)
- Rural Cambs CAB
- The Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership
- Wisbech Access Strategy Member Steering Group
- Young People March

APPENDIX A

Ref No	Outside Body	Number of representatives required	Current nominated representatives 2020/21	To Be Nominated Representatives 2021/22 TBA at July Cabinet Meeting	Proportionality
1	Anglia Revenue Partnership	1 + 2 substitutes	Cllr Jan French Substitute members Cllr Connor Cllr Kim French		Conservative Party representation
2	Benwick Internal Drainage Board (IDB)	4	Cllr Laws Cllr Miscandlon Cllr Mrs Mayor Cllr Wicks		3 Conservatives 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
3	Cambridgeshire Horizons Board	1	Cllr Boden		Conservative Party representation
4	Cambridgeshire Military Community Covenant Board	1	Cllr Tierney		Conservative Party Representation
5	Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel	1 + 1 substitute	Cllr Lynn substitute member Cllr Connor		Conservative Party Representation
6	Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board + District Lead Members Group	1	Cllr Clark		Conservative Party Representation
7	Chatteris Community Centre Association	2	Cllr Murphy Cllr Benney		1 Conservative 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2

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8	College of West Anglia Governing Body	1	Cllr Topgood		Conservative Party Representation
9	Community Learning and Skills Partnership	1	Cllr Benney		Conservative Party Representation
10	Curf and Wimblington Combined IDB	1	Cllr Davis		Conservative Party Representation
11	Feldale IDB	7	Cllr Laws Cllr Boden Cllr Miscandlon Cllr Mrs Mayor		5 Conservatives 2 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
12	Fenland Association of Community Transport	1	Cllr Seaton		Conservative Party Representation
13	Fenland Diverse Communities Forum	1	Cllr Tierney		Conservative Party Representation
14	Fenland Health and Care Forum	Open meeting			Open meeting available for elected members and members of the public wishing

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15	Fenland Tension Monitoring Group	1	Cllr Hoy		Conservative Party Representation
16	Fenland Transport and Access Partnership	1	Cllr Topgood		Conservative Party Representation
17	Fenland Transport Strategy	2	Cllr Seaton Cllr Connor		1 Conservative 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
18	Fenland Twinning Association	4	Cllr Mrs Hay Cllr Mrs Mayor Cllr Topgood Cllr Meekins		3 Conservatives 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
19	Hanson, Fletton Brickworks Industry	1	Cllr Boden		Conservative Party Representation
20	Health Committee	1 + 1 substitute	Cllr Clark Substitute Member Cllr Topgood		Conservative Party Representation
21	Hundred of Wisbech IDB	15	Cllr Topgood		10 Conservatives

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			Cllr Wallwork Cllr Lynn Cllr Hoy Cllr Rackley Cllr Sutton Cllr Meekins Cllr Booth Cllr Tanfield		5 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
22	Kings Lynn IDB	1	Cllr Rackley with effect Feb 21		Conservative Party Representation
23	LGA/ LGA Rural Commission/ LGA Urban Commission	1 + 1 Substitute	Cllr Boden Substitute member Cllr Tierney		Conservative Party Representation
24	Manea and Welney Drainage Commissioners	3	Cllr Marks Cllr Sutton		2 Conservative 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
25	March Area Transport Study	2	Cllr Count Cllr Skoulding		1 Conservative 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
26	March West and White Fen Internal	6	Cllr Cornwell Cllr Wicks		4 Conservatives

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	Drainage Board (Previously known as March and Whittlesey IDB)				2 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
27	March East IDB	11	Cllr Purser Cllr Clark Cllr Topgood Cllr Cornwell Cllr Marks Cllr Yeulett		7 Conservatives 4 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
28	March Education Foundation	1	Cllr Purser		Conservative Party Representation
29	March Fifth District Drainage Commissioners	8	Cllr Cornwell Cllr Jan French		5 Conservatives 3 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
30	March Sixth District Drainage Commissioners	4	Cllr Cornwell Cllr Jan French		3 Conservatives 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal

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31	March Third IDB	5	Cllr Cornwell Cllr Marks Cllr Jan French Cllr Yeulett		3 Conservatives 2 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
32	Middle Level Commissioners	3	Cllr Laws Cllr Miscandlon Cllr Sutton		2 Conservatives 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
33	Needham and Laddus IDB	1	Cllr Sutton		Conservative Party Representation
34	Nightlayer IDB	10	Cllr Benney Cllr Murphy Cllr Divine		7 Conservatives 3 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)

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35	North Level District IDB	7	Cllr Humphrey Cllr Sam Clark Cllr Laws Cllr Mrs Mayor Cllr Miscandlon Cllr Booth Cllr Meekins		5 Conservatives 2 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
36	Wisbech Community Development Trust (Oasis Village Centre)	1	Cllr Rackley was the nominated representative but stood down in June 2020.		Conservative Party Representation
37	Ransonmoor District Drainage Commissioners	2	Cllr Connor Cllr Wicks		1 Conservative 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
38	RECAP	1 +1 Substitute member	Cllr Murphy Substitute member Cllr Tierney		Conservative Party Representation
39	Rural Cambs CAB	3	Cllr Miscandlon Cllr Booth		2 Conservatives 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)

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40	Safer Fenland Partnership	1	Cllr Lynn		Conservative Party Representation
41	The Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership	1	Cllr Rackley		Conservative Party Representation
42	The Combined Authority	1 + 1 Substitute	Cllr Boden Substitute member Cllr Jan French		Conservative Party Representation
43	The Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2 + 2 Substitutes	Cllr Connor Cllr Miscandlon Substitute members Cllr Tierney 1 vacancy		Conservative Party Representation
44	The Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee	1 + 1 Substitute	Cllr Benney Substitute member Cllr Hoy		Conservative Party Representation
45	The Combined Authority Employment Committee	1 +1 sub	Cllr Miss French Cllr Mrs Davis (substitute)		Conservative Party Representation
46	The Combined Authority Housing and Communities Committee	1+1 Sub	Cllr Boden Cllr Mrs Laws (substitute)		Conservative Party Representation
47	The Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee	1+1 Sub	Cllr Seaton Cllr Boden (substitute)		Conservative Party Representation
48	The Combined Authority Skills Committee	1+1 Sub	Cllr Seaton Cllr Mason (substitute)		Conservative Party Representation

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49	Upwell IDB	2	Cllr Rackley Cllr Sutton		1 Conservative 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
50	Waldersey IDB	2	Cllr Rackley Cllr Sutton		1 Conservative 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
51	Warboys, Somersham and Pidley IDB	1	No nominated representative for 2019/20		Conservative Party Representation
52	Whittlesey & District IDB	5	Cllr Mason Cllr Laws Cllr Mrs Mayor Cllr Wicks		3 Conservatives 2 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Member of The Green Party)
53	Wisbech Access Strategy Member Steering Group	2	Cllr Lynn Cllr Rackley		1 Conservative 1 Fenland Independents Alliance (including 2 Liberal Democrats and

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54	Young People March	1	Cllr Purser		Conservative Party Representation