

Report to: Council
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Subject: **Makeup of Panels, Forums, Joint Bodies and Outside Bodies**

Purpose of report: This report follows the Extraordinary General Meeting of Council on 24th June 2020 and related decisions taken at the meeting. The next stage of the appointments process is to nominate and appoint to the Panels, Forums, Joint Bodies and Outside Bodies.

In preparation for this coming forward, there have been discussions with the Leader, Portfolio Holder for Democracy and Transparency and Assistant Portfolio Holder for Democracy and Transparency and as a consequence there are some proposed changes to the makeup of the Panels, Forums, Joint Bodies and Outside Bodies. Some of these changes are necessary in light of constitutional changes (amendments to portfolios and removal of Lead Members for example) whereas others are proposed on the basis of increased democratic engagement.

The current makeup as presented to and agreed at Annual Council on 22 May 2019 can be accessed from the background links.

It is worth noting that there are some additional bodies that have been included following in year decisions to establish them.

Cabinet considered the makeup of the Panels, Forums, Joint Bodies and Outside Bodies at its meeting on 21st July 2020 and confirmed their acceptance of them and recommended to Council accordingly. The report is in the background links.

Since then, the Strategic Planning Committee has met (23rd July 2020) and recommended to Council that East Devon withdraws from GESP. The minutes from the Strategic Planning Committee meeting are on the agenda of this Council meeting and if Council agree the recommendation then there will be no need to appoint to the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan Member Steering Group or Joint Advisory Forum.

The proposed makeup of the Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies is contained at Appendix 1, although the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan Member Steering Group and Joint Advisory Forum has been removed from the list of Joint Bodies due to the above recommendation. The various groups have provided their nominations and these are contained in Appendix 2. Those in grey boxes will require a vote to determine who the representatives should be.

Should Council reject the recommendation in relation to the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan then the nominations for the Member Steering Group and Joint Advisory Forum will need to be dealt with at the meeting. For completeness, and in case it is relevant, the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan Member Steering Group representative is the Strategic Planning Portfolio Holder (substitute Economy & Assets Portfolio Holder) while the Joint Advisory Reference Forum comprises 10 members on a

political balance basis. One of the representatives is the Economy & Assets Portfolio Holder, meaning the remaining nine are split as follows; three from the Democratic Alliance Group, three from the Conservatives, one from the Independent Progressive Group, one from The Independents and one from Cranbrook Voice. Each Group has one substitute.

Finally, the nominations for the Outside Bodies are included in Appendix 3 and Council is asked to vote where there are more nominations than positions and agree the representatives.

Recommendation:

That Council;

- (1) agree the proposed makeup of Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies (Appendix 1);**
- (2) agree the representatives on the Panels, Forums and Joint Bodies shall be (Appendix 2);**
- (3) agree the representatives on the Outside Bodies shall be (Appendix 3).**

Reason for recommendation:

To enable the final items of business that have not been considered from the cancelled Annual Council to be concluded.

Officer:

Henry Gordon Lennox, Monitoring Officer

Portfolio Holder:

Portfolio Holder Democracy and Transparency

Financial implications:

There are no financial implications arising.

Legal implications:

Appointments to the Panels, Forums, Joint Bodies and Outside Bodies is a matter for Council. There are no other legal implications arising.

Equalities impact:

Low Impact

Climate change:

Low Impact

Risk:

Low Risk

Links to background information:

[Annual Council 22nd May 2019](#)
[Report to Cabinet on 21st July 2020](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#):

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