

Outside Body Appointments 2026/27

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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Council Priority	Sustainability
Non-Key Decision	
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council considers nominating to the bodies listed at Appendix 1 as appropriate.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council makes appointments and nominations to a number of Outside Bodies each year. This report sets out the details of the appointments which are made by the Council.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

3.1 A number of bodies ask the Council to make appointments to them for terms of office which vary from one year upwards.

3.2 The Council has previously agreed that a number of such appointments, usually to national or regional bodies, should be made by office. Where there are specific requirements for appointments these are shown against the organisations in the appendix.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 No specific legislation governs the appointment or nomination of members to outside bodies by the Council. Depending on the nature of the relationship the Council has with the organisation, the legal status of the organisation, its corporate, charity or other status and its constitution, there are differing legal implications for the members sitting on these bodies.
- 5.2 The Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004 governs the Council's ability to indemnify members sitting on outside bodies.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Reorganisation

- 5.1 There are no implications for Local Government Reorganisation.

Relevant Council Priority

- 5.1 The action proposed in this report supports the organisational priority of sustainability.
- 5.2 Council reviews outside body appointments on an annual basis to ensure that those bodies to which the Council puts forward nominations continue to address the needs and aspirations of the District.

Climate Change Implications

- 5.3 There are no specific climate change implications.

Community Impact

- 5.4 Members who are appointed to serve on outside bodies on behalf of the Council can make a valuable contribution to the local community. This includes by serving on local Voluntary and Community Sector groups.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 5.5 There are no specific equalities and diversity implications.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 There would be risks arising if the Council failed to make appointments to the Outside Bodies listed in this report; the nature of the risk would vary depending on the type of body in question. The Council needs to participate in certain Outside Bodies to ensure that existing governance arrangements can be complied with. On other bodies the risk would be less severe but non-participation would detract from the Council's ability to shape and influence policies and activities which affect the residents of Bromsgrove.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendices

Appendix 1 - list of appointments to outside bodies

Background Papers:

Terms of reference and governing documents of organisations are held by Democratic Services.

9. REPORT SIGN OFF

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