

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

15th September 2010

OUTSIDE BODIES – LGA RURAL COMMISSION

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Geoff Denaro
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

1.1 On 23 June 2010 Council made appointments to the list of non ex-officio outside bodies which included the LGA Rural Commission to which two representatives were appointed. As set out below Members are being asked to remove the LGA Rural Commission from the list of non ex-officio bodies to which representatives are appointed.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Council remove the LGA Rural Commission from the list of non ex-officio bodies to which representatives are appointed at Annual Council.

2.2 That the outside body appointments made to the LGA Rural Commission on 23 June 2010 be rescinded.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 A number of local and regional community organisations request the Council to appoint a representative to sit on its governing body. Some of these appointments are for a term of one year and some are for longer. Each year the Council appoints representatives accordingly.

3.2 Members will recall that in 2009 the Council carried out a review of its outside body appointments. Council took the decision that it should no longer provide formally appointed representatives to a number of bodies which were not essential partner organisations for delivery of the Councils objectives. Council also agreed to revise the arrangements for appointments and set up a list of organisations to which appointments would be made on an ex officio basis. For members' information the current non ex officio appointments are set out in Appendix 1 and the ex officio appointments are set out in Appendix 2.

4. KEY ISSUES

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- 4.1 At the meeting of Council when this was last considered on 23 June 2010 Councillors Scurrall and Whittaker were appointed as the Council representatives on the LGA Rural Commission for a term of one year until May 2011.
- 4.2 Since 23 June further consideration has been given to the role performed by the LGA Rural Commission and the extent to which this currently links to the Council's objectives and priorities. Leading on from this, whether the LGA Rural Commission should remain subject to official appointments or whether it would be more appropriate for any Council involvement to be on a less formal basis. Members will recall that the ending of formal involvement with a number of bodies was one of the outcomes of the review in 2009. The situation having been reviewed It is considered that the Rural Commission may more properly fall under this category as opposed to continuing to be included on the list at Appendix A to which formal appointments are made.
- 4.3 As with outside bodies which were removed from the official list requiring appointment in 2009, there would be nothing to prevent any interested members continuing to be involved. However, this would no longer be on the grounds of an official appointment but as an informal arrangement.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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 which will be considered by Council at a future date.
- 6.2 The Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004 governs the Council's ability to indemnify of members sitting on outside bodies. The insurance implications of the Council's relationship with the bodies with which members decide to retain a link will be considered by Council at a future date.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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7.1 None.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

8.1 CO3 – Sense of Community and Well-Being

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The LGA Rural Commission will be notified if the decision is taken to no longer make official member appointments to it.

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 N/a

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

12.1 N/a

13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

13.1 None

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

14.1 None

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

15.1 None

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

16.1 None

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17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

17.1 None

18. LESSONS LEARNT

18.1 N/a

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

19.1 None

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	No
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	No
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	No
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Resources	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

21. WARDS AFFECTED

All wards

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22. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – list of positions requiring appointment
Appendix 2 – ex officio appointments

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

24. KEY

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Appendix 1

Organisation	Number of representative(s)
Amphlett Hall Management Committee	4
Bromsgrove Arts Centre Trust - charitable company no. 05455644	5
Bromsgrove Arts Development Trust ("the Artrix Holding Trust")	6
Bromsgrove Citizens' Advice Bureau	2
Bromsgrove Community Engagement Group	4
Bromsgrove District Housing Trust	2
Leaders' Board Strategy Advisory Panel (non ex officio nominee)	1
LGA Rural Commission	2
Shared Services Board	2 (One non ex officio controlling group and one non-controlling group nominee)
WCC Overview & Scrutiny Committee	1
WCC Corporate Parenting Steering Group	1
WCC Highways Partnership (Bromsgrove) Forum	2

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Appendix 2

Age Concern	Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Older People
Bromsgrove Youth Homelessness Forum	Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Young People
Leaders' Board	Leader
Leaders' Board Strategy Advisory Panel	Deputy Leader
Midlands Joint Advisory Council for Environmental Protection	Member Champions for the Environment and for Climate Change
Shared Services Members Board	Leader Deputy Leader
LGA General Assembly	Leader (with nominated substitute of the Deputy Leader)
West Midlands Regional Assembly	Leader (with nominated substitute of the Deputy Leader)
Worcestershire Hub Board	Leader and Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Customer Service
Worcestershire Partnership	Leader (with nominated substitute of the Deputy Leader)