

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Appointments to outside bodies 2019	
Date of decision:	28 August 2019.	
Decision maker:	Chief Executive	
Authority for delegated decision:	Council constitution, Part 3, Section 2, paragraph 3.2.2 row 15	
Ward:	Countywide	
Consultation:	The constitution requires that group leaders are consulted prior to any appointments being made. Group Leaders met on 11 June, were provided with a list of bodies to which appointments were to be made and invited to submit nominations for individuals to fill those seats. The True Independents confirmed their intention not to make any nominations.	
Decision made:	The following appointments be made for a period of four years (except where stated otherwise):	
	Body	Appointee
	Bringsty Common Manorial Court	Cllr N Shaw
	Bromyard Downs Commons Association	Cllr N Shaw
	County Council's Network	Cllr J Harrington Cllr L Harvey Cllr P Jinman Cllr R Phillips
	English Severn & Wye Regional Flood Defence and Coastal Committee	Cllr J Harrington
	European Structural and Investment Fund Sub-Committee	Cllr L Harvey
	Hereford BID Board	Nick Webster
	Herefordshire LEADER programme	Cllr R Phillips
	Herefordshire Local Access Forum	Cllr J Harrington Cllr Y Watson
	Local Government Association (1 year appointment)	Cllr J Bartlett Cllr P Jinman Cllr R Phillips Cllr A Seldon
	Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board	Cllr P Howells
	Malvern Hills Trust	Cllr H I'Anson Cllr T Johnson
	Malvern Hills AONB Joint Advisory Committee	Cllr H I'Anson Cllr T Johnson
	Nutrient Management Board	Cllr E Swinglehurst
	River Lugg Internal Drainage Board	Cllr Paul Andrews Cllr C Bolderson Cllr S Bowen

		Cllr T Fagan Cllr J Hardwick Cllr J Harrington Cllr P Jinman Cllr R Phillips Cllr J Stone Cllr D Summers Cllr E Swinglehurst
	Rural Services Network (SPARSE)	Cllr A Seldon
	South West Audit Partnership Members' Group	Cllr N Shaw
	2gether Trust: Council of Governors	Cllr D Summers
	West Midlands Employers	Cllr D Hitchiner
	Worcestershire Local Pensions Board	Cllr R Phillips
	Worcestershire Pensions Committee	Cllr T Fagan
	Worcestershire Pensions Sub-Committee	Cllr T Fagan
	Wye Navigation Advisory Committee	Cllr E Swinglehurst Named Sub: Cllr J Hardwick
	Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee	Cllr B Durkin Cllr J Hardwick Cllr P Symonds Cllr Y Watson
	West Mercia Police & Crime Panel (reflecting regional political proportionality)	Other: Cllr S Bowen Conservatives: Cllr B Durkin
Reasons for decision:	<p>The council has an approved policy to guide the process for determining the outside bodies to which appointments will be made and the constitution requires that, for those appointments falling to the chief executive to appoint; political group leaders are consulted. Nominations were received from the leaders of the Conservatives, the Green Party, Herefordshire Independents, It's Our County Herefordshire, and Liberal Democrat groups. Where there were more nominations received than vacancies, consideration was given to any geographical relationship between the nominees and the body to which they were nominated. Additionally, whilst there is no requirement to secure political proportionality as regards these appointments (with the exception of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel see below), consideration is given to seeking some political balance to the appointments to broadly reflect the political make up of the council.</p> <p>The West Mercia Police and Crime Panel is a body to which political proportionality is applied having regard to the political make up across all constituent member authorities. Herefordshire Council may appoint one substantive member from any group other than Conservative, Labour or Liberal Democrat and one co-opted member from the conservatives group.</p> <p>A request was made by the It's Our County Herefordshire group leader that a request be made for the council to have increased representation on the board; officers will pursue this option and should any additional seats become available consult with political group leaders re any further appointment.</p>	

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Financial</p> <p>No allowances are paid by Herefordshire Council to individuals appointed to outside bodies.</p> <p>The council will not pay travel or subsistence expenses for individuals appointed to outside bodies where they are entitled to claim such expenses from the body to which they have been appointed.</p> <p>Where an individual is appointed to an outside body and is not entitled to claim travel or subsistence expenses from that body, Herefordshire Council will pay expenses for travel to and subsistence at meetings of that body that are held outside the county.</p> <p>In accordance with the council's policy; all appointees have been consulted, to establish their willingness to serve on the relevant body and to confirm there are no conflicts of interest that may prevent them taking up the appointment.</p> <p>Appointees will be provided with guidance regarding their role and responsibilities, managing conflicts of interest, and relevant indemnity provisions.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>The option as to whether or not to appoint to these bodies was considered by Cabinet when it reviewed the appointment to outside body process in July 2017.</p>

Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: