

Outside body appointments - Gatwick and High Weald AONB

Strategy & Resources Committee Tuesday, 31 January 2023

Report of: Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

Purpose: For recommendation to Full Council

Publication status: Open

Executive summary:

The Committee is asked to make recommendations to Full Council regarding outside body appointments for positions previously held by former Councillor Liz Lockwood.

This report supports the Council's priority of: Building a better Council

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Recommendation:

It be recommended to Council that the following appointments be made for the remainder of the current municipal year to fill the vacancies arising from the resignation of former Councillor Liz Lockwood:

Outside Body	Councillor
Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee	Mick Gillman Sub: Nicholas White
Gatwick – Noise & Track Monitoring Advisory Group (NaTMAG)	Mick Gillman
Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board (EXECUTIVE)	Mick Gillman
Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board (Community Forum)	Mick Gillman
High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Charlotte Swann

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that the Council continues to be represented on the bodies concerned for the remainder of the current municipal year.

Introduction and background

- 1 Member appointments to outside bodies are dealt with at the Annual Council meeting for the municipal year ahead. At its annual meeting on the 26th May 2022, the Council made appointments to over 50 outside bodies, including:

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Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee	Liz Lockwood Sub: Mick Gillman
Gatwick – Noise & Track Monitoring Advisory Group	Liz Lockwood
Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board (EXECUTIVE)	
Gatwick Airport Noise Management Board (Community Forum)	
High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	

- 2 Following (former) Councillor Liz Lockwood's resignation from the Council on the 17th January 2023, the Committee is invited to consider replacement appointments to above outside bodies for the remainder of the current municipal year. The Administration would like:
- Councillor Gillman to become the principal representative on the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee, with Councillor Nicholas White as his substitute
 - Councillor Gillman to represent the Council on the other three Gatwick bodies
 - Councillor Swann to represent the Council on the High Weald AONB
- 3 The Council's scheme of delegation (Part E of the constitution) requires such appointments to be ratified by Full Council.

Key implications

Comments of the Chief Finance Officer

There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Comments of the Head of Legal Services

There are no specific legal implications arising from the report, but it is important for individual Councillors appointed to outside bodies to be clear about the nature of the appointment, including whether they have a decision-making role or not. Different duties and responsibilities will apply depending on the individual Councillor's role on the outside body.

Each Councillor, once appointed to the outside body, will need to update their Member's Register of Interests to include the Council appointment. Councillors should also be alert to the possibility of conflicts of interest and take advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer should this appear to be the case.

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