

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**AGENDA
ITEM NO**

29 JUNE 2017

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Report Title	REPORT OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP: OUTSIDE BODIES
Purpose of Report	To consider recommendations by the Task and Finish Group regarding the representation of Members on Outside Bodies.
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to approve the recommendation made by the Outside Bodies Task and Finish Group.
Consultation and Feedback	A questionnaire was provided for all Member Representatives on Outside Bodies to complete.
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. David Stanley, Accountancy Manager Tel: 01453 754100 Email: david.stanley@stroud.gov.uk
Legal Implications	If the Committee agrees not to continue with representatives on the bodies listed in Table 2, there will not be any right for Members to receive travel and subsistence allowances as part of the Member Allowances Scheme. Karen Trickey, Legal Services Manager Tel: 01453 754369 Email: karen.trickey@stroud.gov.uk
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Options	Remain the same. No changes to current appointments.
Performance Management Follow Up	Representatives are appointed annually at committee.

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In June 2016 it was decided that a joint Task & Finish Group should be set up to review the Outside Bodies allocation for Community Services and Licensing Committee and Environment Committee for the civic year 2017/18.
- 1.2 A similar report will be considered at Community Services and Licensing Committee on 27 June 2017.
- 1.3 There is one Outside Body representative to be considered at Housing Committee for Home Start.

2. Task and Finish Group

- 2.1 The Task and Finish Group was made up of 4 Members – Councillor John Jones, Councillor Simon Pickering, Councillor Steve Robinson, Councillor Ken Tucker, and 2 Officers – Joanne Jordan, Strategic Head of Customer Services, and Barry Wyatt, Strategic Head of Development Services.
- 2.2 The Group was chaired by Councillor Simon Pickering and met twice to consider the existing number of Outside Bodies and the existing number of representatives on each of those Outside Bodies.
- 2.3 The Group consulted with each member representative of an Outside Body by asking them to complete a questionnaire. Each response was used to decide if appointing a member to an Outside Body was of value and benefit to the Council and the residents of the District.

3. CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Task and Finish Group recommended changes to the existing Outside Bodies and representatives after analysing the questionnaires.
- 3.2 Table 1 shows the recommended Outside Bodies that should continue with member representative(s) from Stroud District Council.

Table 1

Organisation	Current Representatives (reps)	Current number of reps	Recommended number of reps for 2017/18
Berkeley Nuclear Stakeholders	Councillor Brian Tipper	1 + 1 vacancy	1
Cotswold AONB	Councillor Nick Hurst	1	1
Lower Severn Drainage Board	Councillor John Jones	1	1
Minchinhampton & Rodborough Commons Advisory Committee	Councillor Nick Hurst	1	1
Stroud Concordat	Councillor Simon Pickering	1	1
Stroud Valleys Project Board	Councillor Nigel Cooper	1	1
Rural SUDS Steering Group	Councillor Simon Pickering	1	1

- 3.3 Table 2 shows recommended Outside Bodies that should not continue with member representative(s) from Stroud District Council. However, this recommendation does not suggest that a member cannot be a representative on an Outside Body if they would like to do so, in a personal capacity.
- 3.4 The Task & Finish group acknowledges the member representative support on Outside Bodies.

Table 2

Organisation	Current Representatives (reps)	Current number of reps	Recommended number of reps for 2017/18
Tyndale Monument	Councillor Ken Tucker	1	0
Wessex Water	Councillor Jim Dewey	1	0