

Meeting: **Governance Committee**  
Date: **12 May 2017**  
Title: **Appointments to Outside Bodies**  
By: **Assistant Chief Executive**  
Purpose of Report: **To enable the Committee to consider the appointments of members to outside bodies on which the County Council is represented**

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## **RECOMMENDATION -**

**(1) To make a recommendation to the County Council on:**

- (a) the appointment of four councillors to attend the Local Government Association's General Assembly;**
- (b) which councillor should cast two votes;**

**(2) To make a recommendation to the County Council on:**

- (a) the appointment of four councillors to serve on the County Councils Network Council;**
- (b) the appointment of a councillor to serve on the County Councils Network (CCNs) Executive Committee;**
- (c) the appointment of a councillor to sit on the Coastal Issues Special Interest Group;**
- (d) the allocation to political groups of places on the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and the appointment of councillors to the Committee;**
- (e) the appointment of one councillor to serve on the South Downs National Park Authority;**
- (f) the appointment of eight representatives to the Conservators of Ashdown Forest;**
- (g) the appointment of one member to serve on the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee**
- (h) the appointment of one member to serve on the Joint Waste Committee, and one substitute Member**
- (i) the substantive appointment of one member to serve on the Sussex Police and Crime Panel and a second representative**
- (j) the appointment of one councillor to serve on the ACCESS Joint Governance Committee (Local Government Pension Scheme Investment Pooling)**

**(3) To agree that where necessary recommended appointees are given authority to attend meetings or take actions prior to the appointments being confirmed at the Council meeting on 23 May 2017.**

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1. Background Information

1.1 The County Council is invited to appoint members (in some cases non-county

councillors are eligible) to serve on a wide range of outside bodies. Appointments are normally made for the lifetime of the County Council. In the case of appointments being made now the term will be to the date of the annual council meeting in the next County Council full election year unless otherwise indicated, although in most cases it is open to the County Council to change its representation at any time by resolution.

1.2 Most of the appointments to outside organisations will be dealt with by the Governance Committee at its meeting on the 27 June. There are, however, some bodies where a decision cannot wait until then and these are dealt with in this report. Appendix 1 provides details of these organisations, the current appointments and any particular requirements relating to that particular body.

1.3 There may be actions or attendance at meetings required before these appointments are confirmed by the County Council on 23 May. In these cases that Governance Committee is asked to agree that these activities can be carried out as an interim measure prior to the formal appointments being made.

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Appointments made in 2013 or as updated</b>	<b>Appointment requirements</b>
General Assembly of the Local Government Association	Councillor Elkin Councillor Field Councillor Glazier Councillor Webb  Councillor Glazier has the second vote	The County Council is entitled to appoint four members to attend the General Assembly of the Local Government Association which meets twice a year and the annual conference. It has five votes at the General Assembly and, therefore, one councillor should be allocated two votes.  <b>Four Councillors to be nominated.</b>
County Council Network Council	Councillor Elkin Councillor Glazier Councillor Tutt Councillor Webb	The County Council is entitled to appoint four members to the County Council Network Council. The Council generally meets twice a year. The CCN Council agrees the work programme for the year and the audited accounts.  <b>Four Councillors to be nominated</b>
County Councils Network (CCN) Executive Committee	Councillor Glazier	The County Councils Network is a special interest group within the Local Government Association and exists to promote and protect the interests of counties and to promote the financial interests of County Councils. The members of the Local Government Association General Assembly (above) are entitled to attend meetings of the CCN Council. There is a separate Executive Committee which comprises one representative from each of the County Councils in membership of the CCN. It is authorised to act on behalf of the Network on all policy and procedural matters.  <b>One Councillor to be nominated.</b>
Coastal Issues Special Interest Group	Councillor Earl	The LGA also has a Coastal Issues Special Interest Group. It discusses issues such as funding of coast protection; regeneration of coastal economies; and coastal management and environmental issues.  <b>One Councillor to be nominated.</b>

Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	Councillor Charman Councillor Pragnell Councillor Ungar	<p>The political balance provisions apply to the County Council's appointments to the Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.</p> <p>The entitlement of appointments to each group is: Conservative 2 and Liberal Democrat 1.</p> <p><b>Three Councillors to be nominated.</b></p>
South Downs National Park Authority	Councillor Sheppard	<p>The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is the organisation responsible for promoting the purposes of the National Park and the interests of the people who live and work within it.</p> <p><b>One Councillor to be nominated.</b></p>
Conservators of Ashdown Forest	Councillor Barnes Councillor Keeley Councillor Stogdon Councillor St Pierre Councillor Tidy Councillor Whetstone Mr M Cooper Mr T Reid	<p>The County Council appoints eight of the 15 Conservators. The Council representatives do not have to be Councillors. Of the remaining seven, two are appointed by Wealden District Council and five are elected by the commoners. In addition, the Chairman of the County Council serves on the Conservators to represent the County Council as Lord of the Manor. It is the duty of the Conservators to regulate and manage the Forest as an amenity and place of resort subject to the existing rights of common, to protect the Forest from encroachments and to conserve it as a quiet and natural area of outstanding beauty. The political balance provisions apply to the County Council's appointments to the Conservators of Ashdown Forest.</p> <p>Subject to the agreement of the County Council the entitlement of appointments to each group is: Conservative 5; Liberal Democrat 2; Labour 1</p> <p><b>Eight Councillors or representatives to be nominated.</b></p>

Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	Councillor Claire Dowling	<p>The Committee is responsible for managing the functions of the Environment Agency relating to land drainage, including flood prevention and sea defence and for arranging for the discharge of these functions through the local Flood Defence Committees. Since 1997 the County Council has been entitled to make one appointment to the Committee jointly with Brighton &amp; Hove City Council. From 1 April 2005, the County Council has a place in its own right.</p> <p><b>One councillor to be nominated.</b></p>
Joint Waste Committee	Councillor Maynard Councillor Elkin (substitute)	<p>These authorities have established the Joint Waste Committee with the intention of facilitating the authorities in working together to improve the quality and effectiveness of the discharge of their waste collection functions under the relevant provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.</p> <p>The Joint Waste Committee also facilitates the district and borough authorities to work in partnership with the County Council as the Waste Disposal Authority to maximise integration opportunities.</p> <p><b>One councillor to be nominated and one substitute member to be nominated</b></p>
Sussex Police and Crime Panel	Councillor Bentley (Substantive appointment) Councillor St Pierre (second representative)	<p>A Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex was elected on 15 November 2012. The Commissioner is accountable to the electorate for how crime is tackled in their area. The Police and Crime Panel provides checks and balances in relation to the performance of the Commissioner. Its role is to scrutinise the performance of the Commissioner and to ensure transparency.</p> <p><b>One Substantive appointment and a second representative to help to address any political imbalance to the composition of the Panel</b></p>

ACCESS Joint Governance Committee (Local Government Pension Scheme Investment Pooling)	Councillor Stogdon	<p>In March 2017, the Council agreed that the East Sussex Pension Fund join the ACCESS Pool with 10 other Pension Funds. Investment pooling is intended to create the scale that will enable access to lower Investment Manager Fees and deliver savings to LGPS Funds. In the pooled investment structure individual funds will be responsible for investment strategy and asset allocation decisions. The ACCESS Pool is governed by the Joint Governance Committee made up one elected councillor from each authority's Pension Committee.</p> <p><b>One councillor to be nominated</b></p>
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