

Report to: **Governance Committee**

Date: **16 April 2024**

By: **Director of Communities, Economy and Transport**

Title of report: **Appointments to Outside Bodies – Greater South East Net Zero Hub**

Purpose of report: **To consider an appointment to the Greater South East Net Zero Hub**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Governance Committee is recommended to appoint an officer as a Council representative on the Greater South East Net Zero Hub.

1. Supporting Information

1.1 The County Council is invited to appoint Members (and in some cases non-County Councillors are eligible) to serve on a wide range of outside bodies whose role has a relationship to a function of the County Council. The appointments are a vital part of the County Council's working in partnership with voluntary bodies, statutory agencies and the public and private sectors.

1.2 The Council is currently represented on the Greater South East Net Zero Hub (GSEnz Hub) by a representative of SELEP Ltd. The Hub is one of five hubs covering England that are funded by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) to support the development of net zero projects. Following the dissolution of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP), it is proposed that the SELEP region will have three representatives on the GSEnz Hub, covering the three functional economic areas. The terms of reference of the GSEnz Hub are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

1.3 It is proposed that an officer be appointed to this role. The initial appointment is proposed to be the Council's Environment Team Manager.

2. Conclusion

2.1 The Committee is asked to agree to the appointment of an officer as a Council representative on the Greater South East Net Zero Hub, and accept the recommendation that the officer appointed to this role is the Council's Environment Team Manager.

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LOCAL MEMBERS

All.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.