

Agenda Item No: 5
Report To: SELECTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL
REVIEW COMMITTEE
Date: 7TH JULY 2009
Report Title: Appointments to Outside
Bodies/Organisations
Report Author: Senior Member Services & Scrutiny Support Officer



Summary:	To advise the Committee of the need to make nominations to various positions on outside bodies/organisations
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Key Decision: NO

Affected Wards: N/A

Recommendations The Committee is asked to: -
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(a) make a nomination for the appointment of a Member representative to sit on the Parochial Church Council Arts Centre Committee.

(b) consolidate the four nominees expiring in 2014 for the Ashford Parochial and Ashford Almshouse Charities (Councillors Heyes, Kemp, Claughton and Feacey) down to two Members who can represent the Council at both meetings.

Policy Overview: The appointment of Members to outside bodies/organisations assists Councillors in their community engagement role.

Financial Implications: N/A

Other Material Implications: N/A

Exemption Clauses: None

Background Papers: Report to Executive 25th June 2009 – “St Mary’s Church Reordering (Arts at St Mary’s)”

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Report Title: Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise the Committee of the need to make nominations to various outside bodies/organisations.

Issues to be Decided

2. In a report to the Executive on the 25th June 2009 the Head of Cultural Projects & Project Office sought approval for the St Mary's Church Reordering (Arts at St Mary's). This was being led by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in partnership with Ashford Borough Council and Ashford's Future Ltd to enhance and increase activities, provide an upgraded, well-appointed, flexible multi-use space in the body of the nave, to host a wide range of religious, arts and community activities - particularly supporting the voluntary arts sector and local artists.
3. It is envisaged that the management of the facility and the overseeing of the arts programme will be supported and directed by a PCC Arts Centre Committee which could potentially comprise of: - 2 PCC Members (at least one of whom is a Church Warden); 1 elected Member; 1 co-opted non PCC member from the local community who is an arts specialist; 1 co-opted non PCC member from the local community who is a regular attendee of the Arts in Ashford; 2 Officer Advisers from Ashford Borough Council (1 Arts Development specialist and 1 Legal/Operations specialist for the first six months of the Committee); 1 Representative from Ashford's Future; and a maximum of 2 others co-opted as specialist advisers. This Committee will have strategic support from Ashford Borough Council. Therefore the Committee is asked to nominate a Councillor to be appointed to represent the Council on the Parochial Church Council Arts Centre Committee.
4. The Selection & Constitutional Review Committee, at its meeting on the 5th May 2009, appointed Councillors Heyes and Kemp to represent the Council on the Ashford Parochial Charities and Councillors Claughton and Feacey on the Ashford Almshouse Charities until 31st May 2014. Following subsequent discussions with Councillor Howard and the Clerk of the Charities it has become clear that the Charities would like the same two Members to be appointed to both Charities as has been done in the past. The meetings are normally held one after the other during the day so this would help with administration and not necessitate four separate Members all having to be available on the same day. Therefore the Committee is asked to consider nominating two Members out of Councillors Claughton, Feacey, Heyes and Kemp to remain on the Charities.
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