

## 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. The Council has received a request from the Sussex Community Rail Partnership to put forward an official representative to attend Marshlink Steering Group meetings. The Group works with the railway communities from Ashford to Hastings, through Hamstreet, Appledore and Rye. Meetings are held quarterly at Rye Town Hall and Councillor Mrs Hicks has recently attended meetings as an observer. The Group has requested that the Council allow her to attend in an official capacity. Councillor Mrs Hicks has said that she would be happy to take on the role as she uses the Marshlink line, has family connections with the railways and has Hamstreet in her Ward. Therefore the Committee is asked to consider making a nomination to the Marshlink Steering Group.
3. The three year appointments of Councillors Howard and Koowaree to the Ashford Almshouses and Parochial Charities expire on the $30^{\text {th }}$ November 2010. Councillor Koowaree has indicated that he would be happy to carry on in the role for a further three year period however Councillor Howard has said that he would like somebody else to take on the role because the Charities meet during the day and he is in full-time employment. The Charities would like the same two Members to be appointed to both Charities as has been done in the past as the meetings are normally held one after the other during the day. The Committee is therefore asked to nominate two Members to serve on the Ashford Almshouses and Parochial Charities for a three year period, preferably Members who are able to attend daytime meetings.
4. The Committee is asked to: -
(a) make a nomination for the appointment of a Member representative to sit on the Marshlink Steering Group.
(b) make nominations for two Members to sit on the Ashford Almshouses and Parochial Charities to $30^{\text {th }}$ November 2013, preferably Members who are able to attend daytime meetings.

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