

Agenda Item No: 5
Report To: SELECTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL
REVIEW COMMITTEE
Date: 12TH APRIL 2012
Report Title: Appointments to Outside
Bodies/Organisations – The River Stour
(Kent) Internal Drainage Board
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Summary:	To advise the Committee of the need to make a nomination to a position on an outside body/organisation, namely the River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board
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Key Decision: NO

Affected Wards: N/A

Recommendations : **The Committee is asked to make a nomination for the appointment of a Member representative to sit on the River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board**

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: Letter from the River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board dated 30th January 2012

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Report Title: Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations – The River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise the Committee of the need to make a nomination for the appointment of a Member representative to sit on the River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board

Issues to be Decided

2. There is a vacancy for a Council appointed representative on the River Stour Internal Drainage Board following the resignation of Mr I Cooling. The Council has five seats on the Board and has historically appointed three Elected Members and two local landowners or interested people from the River Stour catchment area. At least one has always been identified with the assistance of the National Farmers Union (NFU) (currently Mr P Howard). Currently the three Elected Members are Councillors Mrs Martin, Sims and Smith along with Mr Howard. Therefore the Committee is asked to consider suggesting another local interested person to replace Mr Cooling on the Board, or nominating another Elected Member.
3. The purpose of the Board is to operate and work under the authority of DEFRA with the Environment Agency, Natural England and Local Authorities to reduce the likelihood of flooding from rivers and ordinary watercourses. The Board also has a duty to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the flora and fauna within its drainage district whilst carrying out its works. The Board seek an individual with a good knowledge of the Ashford Borough Council area, and if possible, an interest in flood prevention, water level management or environmental protection as well as an awareness of Council planning procedures. The representative would be a voting member of the Board and represent the interests of Ashford Borough Council and its ratepayers. Meetings are normally held quarterly, during the months of January, April, July and November, on Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm at the Board's offices at Gordon Road, Canterbury.

Recommendation

4. **The Committee is asked to make a nomination for the appointment of a Member representative to sit on the River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board.**

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