

Agenda Item No: 5

Report To: Selection & Constitutional Review Committee



Date: 8th October 2015

Report Title: Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations

Report Author: Senior Member Services & Scrutiny Support Officer

Summary:	To advise the Committee of the need to make nominations to positions on outside bodies/organisations.
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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 to sit on the Ashford Almshouses and Parochial Charities.**

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

Financial Implications: None

Risk Assessment N/A

Other Material Implications: N/A

Exemption Clauses: None

Background Papers: None

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Purpose of the Report

1. To advise the Committee of the need to make a nomination for the appointment of a Member to sit on the Ashford Almshouses and Parochial Charities.

Issue to be Decided

2. The Council appoints four Members to the Ashford Almshouses and Parochial Charities. Former Councillor Michael Claughton had been appointed as one of the Members for a fixed term until May 2019, but since he has now stepped down from the Council and is looking to move away he has also expressed a wish to step down from this appointment.
3. The stated aim of the Almshouses Charities is “to provide housing accommodation for poor persons of good character who are inhabitants of Ashford” and the Parochial Charities purpose is “the maintenance and repair of the fabric of the Parish Church of Ashford (St Mary’s) as well as utilising the income to benefit the poor of Ashford”. Meetings of the Charities take place during the day and normally take place one after the other on the same day. The Committee is therefore asked to nominate a Member who is able to attend daytime meetings.

Conclusion

4. **The Committee is asked to make a nomination for the appointment of a Member to sit on the Ashford Almshouses and Parochial Charities until May 2019.**

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