

**Agenda Item No:** 6

**Report To:** Selection and Constitutional Review Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Report Title:** Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations

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**Portfolio Holder** Cllr. Clarkson  
**Portfolio Holder for:** (Leader of the Council)



<b>Summary:</b>	To advise the Committee of the need to make nominations for positions as Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations.
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**Key Decision:** NO

**Significantly Affected Wards:** N/A

**Recommendations:** **The Committee is asked to: -**

- (i) make a nomination for the appointment of a Council representative to sit on the River Stour Internal Drainage Board.**
- (ii) make a nomination for the appointment of a Council representative to sit on the Ashford Street Pastors Management Committee.**
- (iii) note the appointment of Cllr Charles Dehnel as Member Champion for the Military Covenant and Ceremonial Liaison**

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

**Financial Implications:** None

**Legal Implications** None

**Equalities Impact Assessment** Not Required

**Other Material Implications:** None

**Exempt from  
Publication:**

NO

**Background  
Papers:**

None

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## **Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations**

### **Introduction and Background**

1. To advise the Committee of the need to make nominations for positions as Representatives on Outside Bodies/Organisations.

### **Current Position/Proposal**

#### **River Stour Internal Drainage Board**

2. In line with its overall entitlement under the levy paid, the Council appoint five Representatives to the River Stour Internal Drainage Board.
3. It had been previously proposed that Mrs Aline Hicks (a former Councillor) be appointed to this Board as one of the Council's five Representatives because of her previous experience in representing the Council from her time as an Elected Member. It was noted however that appointing a non-elected Member would "tip the balance" on the overall Board to more non-elected Members than elected. Therefore, at the Full Council meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 it was agreed that this appointment be not made and it be referred back to a future meeting of the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee to consider appointing a current Elected Member as the fifth Representative. The Council's other four representatives, who were appointed in May, are Councillors Burgess, Ledger, Noel Ovenden and Smith.
4. The stated aim of the Board is to work under the authority of DEFRA, and in close partnership with the Environment Agency, Natural England and Local Authorities to reduce the likelihood 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.
5. Meetings are held quarterly, normally in Canterbury on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm with a duration of two hours. Each representative has one vote on the Board and will represent the interests of Ashford Borough Council and its ratepayers. A good knowledge of the Ashford Borough area and an interest in flood prevention, water level management or environmental protection, as well as an awareness of Council planning procedures would be an advantage.
6. The Committee is therefore asked to consider making an appointment to this position.

#### **Ashford Street Pastors – Management Committee**

7. The Council has been approached by the Ashford Street Pastors about the possibility of appointing an Elected Member to represent the Council on their Management Committee.

8. Ashford Street Pastors (ASP) is an inter-denominational Christian response to some of the problems seen in our community. They undertake invaluable voluntary work to support the vulnerable in our local community and working for safer streets. Commissioned in November 2010, ASP patrol in teams of men and women, usually from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Friday nights, providing a peaceful presence on the night-time streets by caring for, listening to and helping people who are out on the streets while Prayer Pastors offer support through prayer and by coordinating communication. Although independent, they work in close collaboration with the police and community safety unit at Ashford Borough Council.
9. Ashford Street Pastors Management Committee Meetings are held quarterly in January, April, July and October. Councillor Heather Hayward has been proposed as a potential Representative and therefore the Committee is asked to consider who to appoint as the Council's Representative.

### **Member Champion for the Military Covenant and Ceremonial Liaison**

10. The Leader has indicated his wish to appoint Councillor Charles Dehnel to this previously vacant post. The Committee is therefore asked to note this appointment.

### **Implications and Risk Assessment**

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

### **Conclusion**

12. The Committee is asked to: -
  - i. **Make a nomination for an appointment of a Council Representative on the River Stour Internal Drainage Board.**
  - ii. **Make a nomination for the appointment of a Council representative to sit on the Ashford Street Pastors Management Committee.**
  - iii. **Note the appointment of Cllr Charles Dehnel as Member Champion for the Military Covenant and Ceremonial Liaison**

### **Portfolio Holder's Views**

13. The Leader of the Council is Chairman of this Committee and will give his views at the Meeting

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