



(Officer Decision – 5 October 2023)

## DECISION TAKEN BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

**Decision title:** Appointments to Outside Bodies and Partnership Bodies

**Officer making the decision:** David Clark, Monitoring Officer

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**Date of Decision:** 5 October 2023

**Details of the decision:**

The Monitoring Officer has delegated authority, in consultation with the political group leaders to make in-year changes to internal, partnership and Outside Bodies appointments in accordance with the wishes of the relevant political group leader.

In accordance with this, the Monitoring Officer has made the following revisions to Somerset Council's Outside Bodies and Partnerships:

**Carbon Management Board**

To remove Councillor Sarah Dyke as the Council's representative and add Councillor Dixie Darch

**Devon and the Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority**

To remove Councillor Sarah Dyke as the Council's representative and add Councillor Dixie Darch

**Dimmer Liaison Group**

Add Councillor Henry Hobhouse as the Council's representative. And Councillor Kevin Messenger as the reserve representative.

**EDF HPC Transport Forum**

Remove Councillor Nick Cottle as the Council's representative and add Councillor Hugh Davies

**Hinkley Point C Programme Management Board**

Add this Board to the Outside Body arrangement and add Councillors Ros Wyke and Mike Rigby as the Council's representatives.

**Hinkley Point Community Fund Panel - Somerset Community Foundation**

Add Sarah Wakefield as a substitute Council representative.

**Kings Fitness and Leisure Management Committee, Wessex Learning Trust**

Add Councillors Pauline Ham and Ros Wyke as the Council's representatives. And list Councillor Ben Ferguson (reserve Member).

**Langport Abattoir Liaison Group**

Add Councillor Richard Wilkins as a Council representative.

**Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group (LGACSIG)**

Add Councillor Marcus Kravis as the Somerset Council representative.

**Quantock Hills Partnership Advisory Committee**

To remove Councillor Sarah Dyke as the Council's representative and add Councillor Tom Deakin

**Severn Estuary Partnership**

To remove Councillor Sarah Dyke as the Council's representative and add Councillor Dixie Darch

**Somerset Biodiversity Steering Group**

To remove Councillor Sarah Dyke as the Council's representative and add Councillor Dixie Darch

**Somerset Nuclear Energy Group**

To change the name of this Outside Body to Hinkley Point C Monitoring Group.

**Somerset Social Enterprise Loans Fund Panel**

To remove Jo Roundell Greene from the Outside Body

**Somerset Water Management Partnership**

To remove Councillor Sarah Dyke as the Council's representative and add Councillor Dixie Darch

**The Somerset Fund**

To do add this body to the outside Body arrangement. Bill Revans is the representative. This is not a formal requirement, but the Council does make an important contribution to the fund.

**Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Defence Committee**

To remove Councillor Sarah Dyke as the Council's representative and add Councillor Dixie Darch

**Wincanton Regeneration Programme Board**

To remove Councillor Sarah Dyke as the Council's representative and add Councillor Ros Wyke

**Reasons for proposed decision:**

To fill the outstanding vacancies including those left after the sad death of Councillor Mike Lewis, and to make other necessary changes as identified for Somerset Council.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Group Leaders have been consulted on the proposals set out in this report and consensus reached to ensure the bodies listed are fully functional and compliant with the bodies' listed, terms of reference. Not filling the vacancies was rejected as an alternative approach.

**Implications considered:**

None.

**Background papers:**

Report of the Monitoring Officer, Full Council AGM, 24 May 2023.  
Outside Body Arrangement List held by the Council on SharePoint and ModGov.

<b>The following consultation has been completed:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Date</b>
Local Councillors consulted where the decision directly affects their Division	N/A	N/A

Relevant Executive Member(s) consulted	Bill Revans as Leader of the Council and Liz Leyshon as Deputy Leader	
Opposition Spokesperson(s) consulted/informed	David Fothergill, Martin Dimery, Leigh Redman and John Hunt as Leaders of the Opposition Parties	

**Decision Maker**

I am aware of the details of this decision, have considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses (where applicable) and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:



**Name:** David Clark

**Post:** Monitoring Officer

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