

(Officer Decision – 16 November 2023)

DECISION TAKEN BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

Appointments to Outside Bodies and Partnership Bodies

Officer making the decision: David Clark, Monitoring Officer

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Date of Decision: 16 November 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:

Brewhouse Theatre

To remove Councillor Caroline Ellis as a representative on this Outside Body. Councillor Norman Cavill will remain the Somerset Council's representative as an observer rather than a Trustee of the Brewhouse Theatre.

Carbon Management Board

To remove this Board from the Outside Body arrangement as it no longer sits.

Sedgemoor Community Transport

To remove this Outside Body from the list as it appears this company has ceased trading.

Somerset Local Nature Partnership

To appoint Councillor Mike Stanton (Chair of the Somerset Rivers Authority) alongside Councillor Dixie Darch as the Council's representatives. And to remove Councillors Sarah Dyke, Nick Cottle and Alan Bradford from the Partnership.

Reasons for proposed decision:

To update the Outside Body arrangement with 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.

The following consultation has been completed:	Councillor	Date
Local County 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
Date: 16 November 2023