



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: 26 February 2024

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:

Axe and Brue Internal Drainage Board

The vacancy on this Board will be offered to Natural England.

Somerset Strategic Migration Board

To add this Board to the list of internal bodies and to confirm the second member nomination to sit on the Somerset Migration Board as Councillor Jo Roundell-Greene, as Associate Lead member for Children's Services and Education. Jo will sit alongside Councillor Fran Smith who has been nominated to chair the meetings as Associate Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Housing.

Delegation to appoint the second member to the Somerset Strategic Migration Board was given by Executive on 7 February 2024.

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 and Minutes of Full Council AGM held 24 May 2023.

Outside Body Arrangement List held by the Council on SharePoint and ModGov.

Committee Membership records held on ModGov at the Council.

Report and Minutes of Executive held 7 February 2024.

The following consultation has been completed:	Councillor	Date
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, Dave Mansell, 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: 26 February 2024