

Agenda Item IMD20

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REFERENCE IMD: IMD 2019/20

TITLE	Appointment of Wokingham Representative to The Poors Land Charity Trustee Committee
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Leader of the Council - John Halsall
DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME	23 July 2019 The Board Room at 2.30pm
WARD	None Specific;
DIRECTOR / KEY OFFICER	Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

PURPOSE OF REPORT (Inc Strategic Outcomes)

To appoint a Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) representative to the Poors Land Charity Trustee Committee until May 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Leader of the Council appoints a representative on behalf of WBC to the Poors Land Charity until May 2023, from nominations received as set out in appendix 1 to this report.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report outlines the need for WBC to appoint a representative to the Poors Land Charity Trustee Committee, and the benefits of doing so.

Background

WBC were informed by the Poors Land Charity that both WBC and Woodley Town Council had appointed the same representative to the Poors Land Charity. Subsequently, a request was made by the Poors Land Charity for WBC to appoint a new representative.

The Poors Land Charity undertakes a valuable role within Woodley and Charvil, including the provision of 18 social housing units within an Almshouse and the provision of items of necessity such as clothing, beds and cookers for those in need of relief support.

In addition to Woodley, Charvil and Sandford, requests for support will be considered from residents of Earley, Winnersh, Hurst, Twyford, Wargrave and Sonning. Unfortunately the trust cannot help people with Reading or Wokingham postcodes.

Business Case (including Analysis of Issues)

The Poors Land Charity requires a quorum of 4 at each of its meetings in order to resolve items of business. In order to assist the Poors Land Charity in continuing its valuable work within the community it is recommended that a new WBC representative be appointed to assist in resolution of business items and maintaining quorum at its meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council continues to face severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of reductions to public sector funding and growing pressures in our statutory services. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions of approximately £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£0	Yes	Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£0	Yes	Revenue
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£0	Yes	Revenue

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

None

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Corporate Services	No comments received
Monitoring Officer	No comments
Leader of the Council	N/A – Making decision

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
N/A

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