

TITLE **Outside Bodies Reports - 2023/24**

FOR CONSIDERATION BY Council on 21 March 2024

WARD None Specific;

LEAD OFFICER Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Councillor representation on Outside Bodies provides insight into the workings of the Council's partner organisations. Representation offers opportunities for additional collaboration, partnership working and facilitates oversight of any funding paid by Wokingham Borough Council to our partners.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the reports on Outside Body representation for the 2023/24 municipal year, set out as Annex A to this report.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Annex A provides submissions from Member representatives on their involvement with Outside Bodies for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Background

Wokingham Borough Council appoints Member representatives to a range of Outside Bodies on an annual basis at its Annual Council meeting. Representatives are appointed to Outside Bodies based on the structure of each individual organisation, such as an observer or a Board Member. Representation on Outside Bodies provides oversight of any funding arrangements between WBC and partner organisations and facilitates additional opportunities for partnership working.

Analysis of Issues

Each Member representative is asked to provide a report outlining the work carried out by each Outside Body during the municipal year and a short explanation as to why, in the Member's opinion, representation should continue or not in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces unprecedented financial pressures as a result of; the longer term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the general economic climate of rising prices and the increasing cost of debt. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are optimised and are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	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

Public Sector Equality Duty

Due regard had been given to WBC's duties under the Equality Act.

Climate Emergency – This Council has declared a climate emergency and is committed to playing as full a role as possible – leading by example as well as by exhortation – in achieving a carbon neutral Wokingham Borough by 2030

Member representation on Outside Bodies does not impact WBC's climate emergency declaration or associated ambitions.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers
None

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