

Annual Council Meeting	
Meeting Date	13 May 2026
Report Title	Borough Council nominations to outside bodies, trusts administered by Swale Borough Council and statutory bodies
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Classification	Open
Recommendations	1. The Council is asked to agree Borough Council nominations to outside bodies, trusts administered by Swale Borough Council and statutory bodies.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is asking the Council to agree nominations to outside bodies, trusts administered by Swale Borough Council and statutory bodies.

2 Background

- 2.1 Council agreed a protocol on nominations to outside bodies in 2011. This includes a requirement that a nominee's role is clearly defined, that the outside body is properly constituted, and that its aims and objectives are compatible with the Council's. The protocol further requires that the nominee is indemnified against relevant liabilities by the outside body.
- 2.2 A Council nominee who accepts a position onto a board, trust or statutory body carries responsibilities and liabilities in law and nominees should consider these carefully before accepting the position. Further information can be obtained from the legal team.
- 2.3 Nomination to an outside body, once accepted, is a disclosable non-pecuniary interest under Swale's code of conduct, and the nominee will need to amend their register of interests accordingly.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 The Council is asked to consider the Group Leaders nominations and decide who should be appointed to sit on each body as set out in Appendix I.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 Council could decide whether or not to make nominations to these outside bodies, and there is no obligation to make any nomination at all.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The proposals in this report follow consultation with Group Leaders.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Nominations to outside bodies contribute to the council priority to renew local democracy and make the council fit for the future
Financial, Resource and Property	The cost of servicing the Council's committees will be met within existing budgets. The establishment of any additional Committee dates would have financial and human resource implications.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	Nominations to some outside bodies are as trustees and/or directors, which carries specific legal responsibilities and liabilities for the individual member. To ensure compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct any member taking up a position on an outside body must review the interests declared in their register of interests within 28 days of the position becoming effective.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	None identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.

Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage
Local Government Reorganisation	The Local Government Reorganisation does not affect the current position in respect of outside bodies as a full review will be required once the new authority is established and its governance arrangements and membership are confirmed.

7 Appendices

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Current nominations on trusts and outside bodies and proposed nominations – Council appointed – To-Follow

8 Background Papers

None.