

**10 December 2019**

**Agenda Item: 9**

## **REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

### **OUTSIDE BODIES**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the various outside bodies which are relevant to the remit of the Committee and whether any specific updates are currently required.

#### **Information**

##### Background

2. At its meeting of 22 May 2019, Policy Committee agreed the findings of the Governance and Ethics Committee cross party working group review of the Council's Outside Bodies Register. One of the issues which the working group considered was how best to enable a flow of information between the Council and the various outside bodies.
3. The review's findings in that respect were as follows:-

##### Information on the work of outside bodies

*As part of the review, further thought was given as to how information can be fed back to the Council about the work of each of the outside bodies. It is felt that the best means of doing this would be for information to be brought to the most appropriate Council Committee for the outside body in question.*

*In light of the fact that Committee agendas are already very full, it is proposed that such reporting should be by specific request of the Committee, with such requests made largely on a 'by exception' basis, for example where concerns have been expressed or where there is a particular issue which is relevant to a Committee's current focus. Such requests for information can be raised by Members through work programme discussions. The relevant outside body's Council representative would be expected to provide the information when requested with sufficient notice, working in conjunction with the outside body as appropriate.*

*If a committee has concerns about a specific outside body and the Council's ongoing involvement, these concerns will be referred to Policy Committee as appropriate.*

4. In line with this agreed approach, Members are advised that the following bodies are relevant to the remit of this Committee:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Appointees</b>
Constable's Field Foundation	Cllr Chris Barnfather
Manor Park Residents Association Limited	Cllr Reg Adair
Nottinghamshire Local Access Forum	Cllr Chris Barnfather, Cllr Jim Creamer, Cllr Rachel Madden

5. With reference to the recommended 'by exception' reporting approach described above, Members' views are sought as to whether there are any outside bodies for which they require an update currently (if there are any highlighted then the Council's nominees will be requested to provide the information to a future meeting of the Committee).
6. It is the role of Policy Committee to confirm the latest version of the outside bodies list and to seek approval or endorsement of any changes that have occurred in the reporting period. If additional bodies need to be added to the Register, this work can be undertaken ahead of the next six monthly update to Policy Committee.

### **Other Options Considered**

7. None – Policy Committee agreed the working group's recommendation that each Committee be informed of their relevant outside bodies and proposed approach for feeding back updates.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

8. To enable relevant information to be shared with the Committee as appropriate.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

10. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee:-

- 1) Considers the list of outside bodies that are relevant to the remit of this Committee and the proposed approach for requesting updates in the future.
- 2) Decides whether there are any bodies for which an update is required currently.

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### **Constitutional Comments (LW 30/10/2019)**

11. Planning and Licensing Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

### **Financial Comments (RWK 31/10/2019)**

12. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Responses to Questionnaires from Outside Bodies and Council representatives;
- Report of working group - [Review of Outside Bodies - Governance and Ethics Committee - 1 May 2019](#)
- Report to Policy Committee - [Review of Outside Bodies - Report to Policy Committee - 22 May 2019](#)

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All