

**REPORT OF THE RULING GROUP BUSINESS MANAGER****OUTSIDE BODIES REGISTER UPDATE REPORT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To agree the removal of organisations from the Outside Bodies Register and to note the updated Register.

**Information**

2. At its meeting of 22 May 2019, Policy Committee agreed the findings of the Governance and Ethics Committee's Review of the Outside Bodies Register, including a new process for dealing with changes to the Register.
3. The review outcomes included agreement that update reports be submitted to Policy Committee on a six-monthly basis rather than individual changes being reported on an ad hoc basis. This is the latest of these update reports.
4. The review divided the Register into the following categories of outside bodies:
  - a. Category A – organisations which have been established or are owned /partly owned by the Council
  - b. Category B – local or national organisations that are linked to the strategic focus of the Council
  - c. Category C – local community groups, charities and partnerships whose primary focus is on local community issues.

**Addition of Outside Bodies to the Register**

5. Under the revised approach, the Team Manager – Democratic Services has delegated authority to add Category B bodies to the register, subject to endorsement by Policy Committee. Following Policy Committee's agreement to the submission of a Freeport Proposal for the East Midlands on 13 January 2021, the East Midlands Freeport Board has been added to the Outside Bodies Register by the Team Manager – Democratic Services (subject to endorsement by Policy Committee).
6. In approving the Transforming Cities Fund – Scheme Update and Funding Agreements report on 10 February 2021, Policy Committee agreed to add the Transforming Cities Programme Steering Board to the Register and to make an appointment. The Board and the appointment of Councillor Keith Girling is now also included in the Register.

7. Policy Committee retains authority to approve the addition of Category A and C bodies – no such bodies have been proposed for inclusion during this latest period.

### **Removal of Outside Bodies from the Register**

8. Policy Committee approval is needed for the removal of any outside bodies from the Register. Following correspondence during this period, it is recommended that the following organisations, as listed in Appendix A, be removed from the Register:
  - a. East Midlands Councils Lead Member Network – East Midlands Councils has informed the Council that this particular group is no longer running and therefore a representative is no longer required.
  - b. Mansfield and Ashfield Economic Development Partnership – the Council was informed in March 2021 that this Partnership no longer exists.
  - c. Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Limited – the Council no longer plays an active part in this organisation. In line with the planned approach of working more closely with Nottingham City Council and the various District and Borough Councils on this agenda, the intention is to cease the Council's existing arrangement, pending the outcome of this work.
  - d. Nottinghamshire Skills and Employment Board – the Council was informed in March 2021 that this Board no longer exists.
9. The proposed updated Register is attached at Appendix B for information.
10. The appointments listed within the Register have been agreed by the Ruling Group Business Manager, in consultation with the Group Business Manager of the Main Minority Group where appropriate, in line with the usual practice.

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

11. Policy Committee continues to receive regular updates in relation to the work of those outside bodies in the Register that are pertinent to the work of the Committee – for example East Midlands Councils.

### **Other Options Considered**

12. None – the Committee receives updated versions of the Register in line with the new approach agreed through the Outside Bodies Review of May 2019.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

13. Updates are provided to the Committee for Members' information, and approval where necessary.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

14. 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.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That the organisations listed in Appendix A be removed from the Outside Bodies Register for the reasons outlined in the report.
- 2) That the addition of the East Midlands Freeport Board to the Register be endorsed.
- 3) That the updated Register as detailed in Appendix B be noted.

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**Ruling Group Business Manager**

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### **Constitutional Comments (KK 4/8/21)**

15. The committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference

### **Financial Comments (RWK 10/08/2021)**

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

## **Background Papers**

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.

- Supporting a Bid for an East Midlands Freeport – report to Policy Committee 13 January 2021 (previously published).

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

All