



REPORT TO:	CABINET
DATE:	28 JUNE 2023
SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS 2023/24
KEY DECISION:	NO
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR ANNE DORRIAN, LEADER
REPORT AUTHOR:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	NOT APPLICABLE
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

To consider appointments to various external organisations as set out in Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet make appointments to the external organisations now indicated; such appointments to hold good only whilst the appointees remain Members of the Borough Council, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the appointment of their successors.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Under the Constitution, those appointments to outside bodies connected with functions that are the responsibility of the executive (Cabinet) are to be determined by Cabinet rather than full Council.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not to make appointments to the external organisations appended to this report.

REPORT

1. Appointments to External Organisations – 2023/2024

- 1.1 Under the Constitution, some appointments to external organisations are delegated to Cabinet to determine. A number of appointments to external organisations were previously held by Cabinet Members in line with their portfolios and responsibilities. The Secretary of State advises that a local authority's executive arrangements should provide that the executive will make appointments to outside bodies in connection with functions which are the responsibility of the executive, with all other appointments to be made by full Council, a committee or officer of the local authority.
- 1.2 Members are asked to note that the guidance does not state that the appointments need to be filled by Members of the Cabinet and so are free to appoint any Member of the Council to any position. However, portfolio holders are appointed *ex officio* to the following organisations:

The Leader:

Boston Health and Wellbeing Network
Boston Strategic Health Group
East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership
East Midlands Councils
Greater Lincolnshire LEP
Local Government Association General Assembly

Relevant Portfolio

Boston in Bloom
Boston Woods Trust

- 1.3 The list of remaining external organisations requiring appointments is attached to this report at Appendix A.

2. Role and Responsibility of Members on Outside Organisation

2.1 Members appointed as Directors

The role of Members who are appointed as directors will be determined by the company's Articles and Memorandum, which are the documents that govern the company. In particular, Members must act in good faith in the best interests of the company (and not the Council) and must not fetter their discretion as to how they shall act, for example, by following Council policy unquestioningly. They must also be careful not to place themselves in a position where their personal interests or duties to others, including the Council, are likely to conflict with their duties to the company.

2.2 Members appointed as Trustees

The role of members who are appointed as trustees will be determined by the governing documents of the charity. Members may also be directors as well as trustees of the charity. Trustees must act reasonably and prudently in all matters relating to the charity and must always bear in mind the interest of the charity, and not let personal views of prejudice affect their conduct as trustees. All trustees should ensure that they are aware of the

financial position of the charity and regularly attend trustee meetings. Where the member is also a director as well as a trustee the above mentioned also applies.

2.3 Members appointed as Observers

Members appointed as observers to a company or charity can have regard to Council policy and will not have a prejudicial interest at Council meetings in respect of their appointment. It will, however, be up to each charity or company as to how much confidential information it makes available to an observer.

CONCLUSION

Cabinet is requested to make appointments to the organisations appended to this report for 2023/2024. The appointments made will hold good only whilst the appointees remain Members of the Borough Council, until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council, or until the appointment of their successors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Under the Local Government Act 2000, appointments are an executive function.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

EQUALITY AND SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

None

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

List of available appointments has been circulated to all Members with a request that expressions of interest be submitted via the Group Leaders.

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX A	List of Cabinet Appointments to External Organisations 2023/24
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body

REPORT APPROVAL

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BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS BY CABINET 2023-24

Organisation	Period of Appointment	Previous Appointees	Nominees
Local Community Framework Investment Panel (Empower Community Foundation/Lincolnshire Housing Partnership)	Civic Year	P. Skinner	
Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group	Civic Year	-	
PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations outside London)	Civic Year	Noble	
Tritton Knoll Local Liaison Committee	Civic Year	Cooper	