

8. APPOINTMENT TO MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ROLES (A111/RMM)

Proposal

1 This report asks Members to appoint to the current Member Representative roles which are vacant due to recent membership changes.

2 RECOMMENDATION:

That Member Representative appointments are made to the following roles until October 2007:

- a) **Implementing Electronic Government**
- b) **Asset Management**
- c) **Sport & Recreation**
- d) **Affordable Housing**

Policy Background

3 The previous governance review looked for ways to strengthen the external role of members, to increase the opportunities for members to contribute their expertise and knowledge and to build capacity within the membership. In addition to the scrutiny process (where the emphasis is on performance improvement independently led by and reported on by Members) the following provide an avenue for increased involvement externally and internally working with staff to achieve corporate outcomes and priorities:

- (a) Member Representatives (with 'special topic') roles
- (b) Task Teams
- (c) Member Representatives on outside bodies

Key Issues

4 In October 2006 (and January 2007 for the Working with People and Communities role) Member Representatives were appointed to the roles identified in Annex 1. These appointments were made for a year, or until October 2007, to be reviewed at that meeting in line with the Authority's priorities.

5 A number of vacancies have arisen due to the changes in membership and it is proposed that these should be filled until October 2007. Details of the roles which are vacant are given at Annex 2. All roles will be reviewed in October.

APPENDIX

Background

1 Nothing further to add.

Resources

2 The duties carried out by Member Representatives are approved duties and will qualify for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances which will be funded out of the Members Allowance budget

Risk Management

3 The roles proposed address the risks of:

- Failure to use Members' skills and knowledge to support achievement of the Authority's priorities
- Failure to develop the external facing role of Members
- Failure to build on the good work and progress made by Members who have previously undertaken special responsibility roles

Human Rights, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Environmental Impact

4 There are no implications to highlight arising out of the report

Consultees

5 The Management Team and the Democratic Services Manager have been consulted on the report.

Enclosures

6 Annex 1: Member Representative Roles
Annex 2: Rationale for each vacant role following agreed template

List of Background Papers (not previously published)

7 None

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