

**COUNCIL
27 OCTOBER 2004**

**MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS
(Director of Corporate Services and Resources)**

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to make appointments to the following bodies, where vacancies have arisen:

- the Blackwater Valley Member Network Steering Group;
- the Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Panel;
- the Planning & Highways Committee; and
- the Licensing and Safety Committee.

1.2 The Council is also invited to note that the Leader of the Council, in the exercise of his powers under the Constitution, has appointed Councillor Mills to serve on the Safer Communities Strategic Partnership (formerly the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Board).

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that

2.1 Councillor Wade be appointed to serve as one of the Council's three representatives on the Blackwater Valley Network Member Steering Group for the remainder of the municipal year;

2.2 Councillor Baily be appointed to serve as a member of the Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Panel and Councillor Harrison be appointed to serve as a substitute member of this Panel, for the remainder of the municipal year;

2.3 A member, on the nomination from the Majority Group, be appointed to serve on the Licensing and Safety Committee for the remainder of the municipal year;

2.4 Two members, on the nomination from the Majority Group, be appointed to serve on the Planning & Highways Committee for the remainder of the municipal year;

2.5 the appointment of Councillor Mills by the Leader of the Council to the Safer Communities Strategic Partnership be noted.

3. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Section 151 Officer

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Borough Solicitor

- 3.2 Nothing to add to the report

Access Implications

- 3.3 None.

4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Blackwater Valley Member Network Steering Group

- 4.1 At the annual meeting of the Council on 28 April, Councillors Mrs Ballin, North and Worrall were appointed to the Blackwater Valley Network Members Steering Group. Councillor North has indicated that he wishes to stand down from the Group. The Majority Group has nominated Councillor Wade as his replacement.

Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Panel

- 4.2 Councillor Harrison has indicated that he wishes to stand down as a member of the Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Panel. The Majority Group has indicated that it would wish Councillor Baily (currently a substitute member on this Panel) to be appointed as Councillor Harrison's replacement. Councillor Harrison would continue to serve as a replacement

Licensing and Safety Committee

- 4.3 Councillor Mrs Pile wishes to stand down from the Licensing and Safety Committee. The Majority Group has been consulted and wishes to nominate a replacement member.

Planning & Highways Committee

- 4.4 Councillors Birch and Mills have asked to stand down from the Planning & Highways Committee to avoid any potential conflicts of interest with their respective Executive Member roles, including responsibility for the Council's property assets and the Bracknell town centre regeneration. The Majority Group has been consulted and wishes to nominate two replacement members.

Safer Communities Strategic Partnership

- 4.5 It is a requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for local authorities to establish partnerships (commonly referred to as "crime and disorder reduction partnerships") between themselves, the police, the probation service, health authorities, and the voluntary sector to develop strategies to reduce crime in their area. At the annual meeting, the Leader of the Council indicated that Councillor North would be the Council's representative on this strategic partnership. However, Councillor North has also been appointed to serve on this Partnership as the representative of the Thames Valley Police Authority. In view of this, the Leader of the Council has appointed Councillor Mills to this Strategic Partnership. It is a requirement of the Council's Constitution (Part 4.4 – Executive Procedure Rules) that where the Leader exercises his authority in this way, a report is submitted to the next Council meeting.

Background Papers

The South East Charter for Elected Member Development – report from South East Employers

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10 Miscellaneous Appointments