

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	25 July 2013
Title:	Appointments to Outside Bodies – Councils of Voluntary Services
Reference:	5086
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The Executive Member considered a report in June which confirmed nominations for a number (but not all) of the Councils of Voluntary Services where County Council Members had previously sat on their boards. This paper suggests Member nominations for those Councils of Voluntary Service who have previously not had County Council members on their boards.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources be requested to make appointments to the Outside Bodies as detailed below. The term of office to expire in May 2017.
- 1.3. It is therefore recommended that:
 - elected members be nominated to sit as County Council representatives on the trustee boards of a further four of the district based Councils of Voluntary Service (CVS) and also the Countywide organisation Community Action Hampshire (CAH)
 - Councillor Rust who is currently a trustee of Rushmoor Voluntary Services, in a personal capacity, and is keen to remain on the board as representative for the County Council be nominated to this role
 - Councillor Davidovitz, who is already known by One Community Eastleigh, be designated to attend the annual briefing session run by this organisation, to monitor that the annual grant award had been used appropriately

1.4. Potential representatives – one to be appointed per organisation

Name of Organisation	Councillors by District	Political Party	Appointments until May 2017
Basingstoke Voluntary Services	Criss Connor Jane Frankum Stephen Reid Brian Gurden Rita Burgess Keith Chapman Anna McNair Scott Elaine Still Warwick Lovegrove Tom Thacker	Labour Labour Conservative Liberal Democrats Conservative Conservative Conservative Conservative Liberal Democrats Conservative	
Test Valley Community Services	Timothy Rolt Tony Hooke Pat West Alan Dowden Roy Perry Mark Cooper Andrew Gibson	UK Independence UK Independence Conservative Liberal Democrats Conservative Liberal Democrats Conservative	
Winchester Area Community Action	Rob Humby Jackie Porter Roger Huxstep Phil Bailey Fiona Mather Patricia Stallard Martin Tod	Conservative Liberal Democrats Conservative Liberal Democrats Conservative Conservative Liberal Democrats	
Rushmoor Voluntary Services	Frank Rust Charles Choudhary Roz Chadd John Wall Mark Staplehurst	Labour Conservative Conservative Conservative UK Independence	Frank Rust *(see para 2.5 below)
Community Action Hampshire	All County Councillors		

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The Councils of Voluntary Service (CVS) in Hampshire are support and development charities. They provide services, such as training, advice and policy support, that build capacity in other local voluntary and community groups and organisations, they also help new groups to set up. CVS' offer representation for the Voluntary and Community sector at multi-agency meetings and ensure that the sector plays an integral role in local planning and policy making.
- 2.2. They are grant funded, from the Policy and Resources budget, for their core services supporting the wider sector and to increase participation in volunteering within their local community.
- 2.3. The CVS', in the majority of districts, have asked to have County Councillor representation on their trustee board, some were appointed in June. This is an honorary observer role, without voting rights and will involve attending three or four board meetings a year. The role will require ensuring that the County Council's allocated funding is being used according to the stipulations in the grant agreement.
- 2.4. The organisations that have requested a representative are:
 - Basingstoke Voluntary Services
 - Test Valley Community Services
 - Winchester Area Community Action
 - Rushmoor Voluntary Services
 - Community Action Hampshire (to be confirmed)
- 2.5. *Councillor Rust is currently a trustee of RVS in a personal capacity. He is keen to remain on the board in the differing role as representative for the County Council.
- 2.6. One Community Eastleigh do not wish to have Councillor representation on their trustee board but have requested that Cllr Davidovitz be nominated to attend the Annual briefing with the Eastleigh Borough Council elected member and the County and District officers who have responsibility for monitoring the grant funding.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 3.1. All the remaining Councils of Voluntary Service, as listed in 2.4, be allocated a County Council Representative to sit as an honorary member on their trustee board
- 3.2. Cllr Davidovitz be nominated to attend the annual briefing given by One Community Eastleigh
- 3.3. Cllr Frank Rust remains on the board of Rushmoor Voluntary Services but take on the honorary role as County Council representative.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:
Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Executive Member Policy and Resources Decision Report Annual Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations	4677	14 March 2013
Executive Member Policy and Resources Appointments to Statutory Joint Committees and Outside Bodies	4891	25 June 2013
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. Voluntary & Community Organisations (VCOs) are ideally placed to promote equality. The annual funding awarded to the Councils of Voluntary Service is aimed at promoting policies on equality and diversity with front line organisations. It also supports capacity, coordination and representation from the sector to better inform public services on a wide range of equality and diversity issues. County Council representation on the Trustee boards will help to have a positive impact by monitoring that the CVS are fulfilling their role in supporting the equality agenda.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The Councils of voluntary service support capacity within the community to develop resilience. They help to build the effectiveness of local voluntary groups to support strong and safe communities, this includes providing services which support victims of domestic abuse or crime. County Council representation on the board will help this work by strengthening the knowledge of the local community.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

By having County Councillor representation on the boards of the Councils of voluntary service Infrastructure organisations the Council will have an improved opportunity to ensure that these organisations are supporting our aims to reduce carbon footprint / energy consumption. This should have a long term positive impact. CAH deliver an energy advice programme.

3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

By working more closely with the infrastructure organisations and improving their accountability the Council will have an improved opportunity to ensure they and ultimately their members support our aims to tackle climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts. WACA, in partnership with Winchester Action on Climate Change produce a monthly newsletter.