

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date of Decision:	10 September 2013
Decision Title:	Appointments to Outside Bodies
Decision Reference:	5142
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. The decision: (PROPOSED)

That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment makes appointments to the outside bodies as detailed below. The term of office to expire in May 2017.

2. OUTSIDE BODIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS

2.1 Substitutes for the Thames and Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committees

The Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (RFCCs) were established by the Environment Agency under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The committees bring together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs – upper tier local authorities) and independent members with relevant experience for three purposes:

- To ensure there are plans in place to identify, communicate and manage Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM);
- To prioritise and monitor FCERM investment programmes and ensure value for money; and,
- To provide a link between all the organisations involved in Flood and Coastal Risk Management.

The committees have an important role in advising on and approving programmes of work for their area and raising a local levy to fund local priority projects.

There are three RFCCs within Hampshire, on which HCC have the following representation and to which the authority is required to pay a Local Levy:

- Southern RFCC: two seats. Local Levy £223,583*

- Wessex RFCC: one seat. Local Levy £39,123*
- Thames RFCC: shared seat with six other LLFAs (currently held by a member from Windsor and Maidenhead). Local Levy £340,941*

*Local Levy 2013/14.

Note: In the case of the Thames RFCC, HCC does not currently occupy the shared seat, so it appoints a “link” member to the committee, with no voting rights.

At its meeting held on 23 May 2013, Council appointed Councillors Bolton and Rice to the Southern RFCC.

At his Decision Day held on 11 June, the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment appointed Councillor Still to the Thames RFCC and Councillor Rice to the Wessex RFCC.

Subsequent to that Decision Day, the Thames and Wessex RFCCs have requested that HCC appoint a deputy, or substitute, member to each of the committees to ensure the County’s representation.

Name of Body and number of representatives to be appointed	Description of Body	Appointment
Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	See above	Councillor Still Deputy:-
Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	See above	Councillor Rice Deputy:-

2.2 Langstone Harbour Board

Name of Body and number of representatives to be appointed	Description of Body	Appointment
Langstone Harbour Board (one representative)	The Harbour Board requires a statutory appointee from the County Council. The appointee should be familiar with Langstone Harbour and its environs. The Board meets approximately five times a year. The previous representative was Cllr	

	<p>Pearce.</p> <p>Further details about the work of the Harbour Board is available from their website.</p>	
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3. Reason for the decision:

3.1. To maintain County Council representation on committees and bodies within the community.

4. Other options considered and rejected:

4.1. Not to make the appointments, which could mean that the County is less likely to be represented on these bodies.

5. Conflicts of interest:

5.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

5.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

6. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.

7. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

8. Statement from the Decision Maker:

<p>Approved by:</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>10 September 2013</p>
<p>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment</p> <p>Councillor Woodward</p>	