
Subject:	APPOINTMENT OF TIDES LEISURE CENTRE PROJECT ADVISORY GROUP
Meeting and Date:	Cabinet – 5 September 2022
Report of:	Louise May, Head of Governance and HR
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Trevor Bartlett, Leader of the Council
Decision Type:	Non-Key
Classification:	Unrestricted

Purpose of the report:

- (a) To appoint a replacement for Councillor Derek Murphy on the Tides Leisure Centre Project Advisory Group (PAG) as he has indicated that he wishes to stand down from the PAG; and
- (b) To ask Cabinet to reconfirm the membership of the PAG which was last appointed by the Leader of the Council in March 2022.

Recommendation:

- (a) That Councillor Trevor Bond be appointed to replace Councillor Derek Murphy on the Tides Leisure Centre Project Advisory Group.
- (b) That the membership of the Tides Leisure Centre Project Advisory Group for the Council Year 2022/23 be confirmed as: Portfolio Holders for Community & Corporate Property (Chairman); Finance, Governance, Digital & Climate Change (Vice-Chairman) and Planning & Environment and Councillors Helen Williams and Trevor Bond.

1. Summary

1.2 Councillor Derek Murphy has advised that he is no longer able to serve on the Tides Leisure Centre Project Advisory Group (PAG) due to his commitments as a Kent County Council Cabinet Member. Councillor Trevor Bond has confirmed his willingness to join the PAG, and is considered to be an appropriate choice as Tides leisure centre is situated in his ward. It is therefore recommended that Councillor Bond replaces Councillor Murphy.

1.3 The membership of the Tides Leisure Centre PAG was approved by Councillor Trevor Bartlett as a Leader of the Council decision in March 2022 for an indeterminate period. To align the Tides Leisure Centre PAG with other PAGs whose memberships are agreed by Cabinet on an annual basis, it is suggested that the PAG's membership for the Council Year 2022/23 is confirmed by Cabinet now. Its membership will then be appointed annually (usually in May or June) to bring it into line with the other PAGs.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 At its meeting held on 3 February 2020, Cabinet agreed that a Tides Leisure Centre PAG should be established and approved its Terms of Reference. Following

changes to Cabinet members' portfolio titles and responsibilities, the PAG's membership and Terms of Reference were updated to reflect these changes and approved by the Leader of the Council on 18 March 2022.

2.2 Should Cabinet approve Councillor Bond as Councillor Murphy's replacement on the PAG, the Terms of Reference will be amended accordingly.

2.3 The Council's Constitution advises that, unless agreed otherwise by the Leader of the Council/Cabinet, Advisory Groups shall:

- (a) comprise of 5 members including the Leader or appropriate Portfolio Holder who shall chair the Group;
- (b) be appointed, as far as possible, in accordance with the rules on political balance; and
- (c) shall include a relevant ward member.

2.4 The purpose of Advisory Groups is:

- (a) To provide a forum for consultation with other members of Council before particular issues are determined by the executive;
- (b) To advise the Leader or Cabinet/Portfolio Holder on any matter which concerns a project or relevant function/activity to be determined by the Leader/executive;
- (c) To assist and support the Leader or Cabinet/Portfolio Holder with regard to background information or preliminary work or research in connection with a project or function/activity to be determined by the Leader/executive.

3. Identification of Options

3.1 Option 1 - To appoint Councillor Trevor Bond as the replacement for Councillor Derek Murphy on the Tides Leisure Centre PAG. Furthermore, to confirm the PAG's membership for the Council Year 2022/23 so that it aligns with other PAGs which are appointed on an annual basis.

3.2 Option 2 – To appoint another Member as Councillor Derek Murphy's replacement, and/or leave the terms of appointment to the Tides Leisure Centre PAG open-ended.

3.3 Option 3 – Not to appoint a replacement for Councillor Derek Murphy and leave the PAG membership as it is.

4. Evaluation of Options

4.1 Option 1 is the recommended option.

5. Resource Implications

5.1 None. PAG meetings are held on Teams as they are not subject to the same legislation as other committees which requires Members to attend meetings in person. There are therefore no resource implications arising from Member travel claims for attending the offices.

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 The Principal Climate Change and Sustainability Officer has no comments to make on the report.

7. **Corporate Implications**

- 7.1 Comment from the Section 151 Officer: Accountancy has been consulted and has no further comments. (VL)
- 7.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council: The Solicitor to the Council has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments to make.
- 7.3 Comment from the Equalities Officer: This report does not specifically highlight any equality implications. However, in discharging their duties, Members are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/149>.
- 7.4 Other Officers (as appropriate): None.

8. **Appendices**

None.

9. **Background Papers**

None.

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