



Full Council	Thursday, 20 February 2020	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Appointment of a Member Representative to Outside Bodies**

Report Author(s): **Samuel Ball (Trainee Solicitor)**

Purpose of Report:	To appoint a single Member representative to represent Oadby and Wigston Borough Council ("the Council") on the 'Oadby & Wigston Environmental Forum' and the 'Plastic Free Oadby Steering Group' (collectively referred to hereafter as "the Outside Bodies").
Report Summary:	The appointment of a Member representative to each of the Outside Bodies will allow the Council, as an important stakeholder within the Borough, and its interests to be represented and furthered in important environmental matters. This will strengthen its collaborative and partnership approach in such matters and will contribute towards the delivery of and progress made in achieving its own Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) under the Council's Corporate Plan (2019-2024).
Recommendation(s):	That the Chair of the Council's Environment Working Group for the time being be appointed as the single Member representative to each of the Outside Bodies known as the 'Oadby & Wigston Environmental Forum' and the 'Plastic Free Oadby Steering Group' respectively with immediate effect.
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Corporate Objectives:	Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (CO1)
Vision and Values:	<p>"A Stronger Borough Together" (Vision)</p> <p>Accountability (V1)</p> <p>Respect (V2)</p> <p>Teamwork (V3)</p> <p>Innovation (V4)</p> <p>Customer Focus (V5)</p>
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk	No corporate risk(s) identified.

Management:	
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	Environment Working Group Oadby & Wigston Environmental Forum Plastic Free Oadby Steering Group
Background Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Constitution (Last Revised July 2019) • Council's Corporate Plan (2019-2024) (Adopted April 2019) • Agenda Item(s) entitled 'Engagement and Consultation with Other Public Groups' and 'Oadby & Wigston Environmental Forum' to Environmental Working Group on 21 November 2019 (Private) • Motion on Notice entitled 'Supporting Plastic Free Oadby' to Full Council (Council Tax and Budget Setting) on 20 February 2020
Appendices:	None.

1. Background

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies - external organisations which have invited the Council to nominate representative(s) to serve on its governing and/or management body - is a function reserved to Full Council.¹
- 1.2 The adopted Corporate Plan (2019-2024) recognises the importance of the Council's role in delivering environmental sustainability, in particular, 'to maintain and enhance the natural environment and [to] work with partners to sustain this' under Corporate Objective One.²
- 1.3 A Motion on Notice, as proposed by Councillor D M Carter and seconded by Councillor G A Boulter, entitled 'Supporting Plastic Free Oadby' has been received which is due to be considered and resolved at this same meeting of the Full Council on 20 February 2020.³

2. Information

- 2.1 Invitations have been received from the 'Oadby & Wigston Environmental Forum' and the 'Plastic Free Oadby Steering Group' ("the Outside Bodies") inviting the Council to nominate a Member representative to serve on both their respective governing or management bodies.

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¹ Council's Constitution (July 2019), Part 2, Article 4.4.5 (at page 26) and Part 3, Section 3, paragraph 1.1.5 (at page 65)

² Council's Corporate Plan (2019-2024) (April 2019), Corporate Objective One: Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (at pages 8-11), with particular reference to KPI BPE 22 (at page 11).

³ See Agenda Item 6a of the Agenda Reports Pack (at page 12), with particular reference to paragraph 1.2.

2.2 From information either provided to and/or garnered by the Council, it is understood that:

2.2.1 'Oadby & Wigston Environmental Forum'

This is a forum which 'meets once a term, bringing together community, faith, school and statutory groups with a shared interest in supporting environmental issues' - such as "zero-waste", plastic reduction, supporting wildlife, recycling, litter, sustainable travel and school eco-clubs - and 'aim[s] to network in order to add value by working together with a complementary and partnership approach'.⁴

2.2.2 'Plastic Free Oadby' Campaign

This is a localised campaign led by the Rotary Clubs of Oadby and Oadby Launde, who have jointly-formed a Steering Group, which adopts the 'Plastic Free Communities Scheme', spearheaded by the 'Surfers Against Sewage' (SAS), a national charity based in Cornwall, whereby communities work towards reducing their use of single-use plastics and in doing so, achieve a "Plastic Free Community" status.⁵

3. Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 The appointment of a Member representative to each of the Outside Bodies will allow the Council, as an important stakeholder within the Borough, and its interests to be represented and furthered in important environmental matters attracting ever-increasing public eminence.
- 3.2 The appointment(s) will also strengthen the Council's collaborative and partnership approach in pro-actively addressing such matters and will contribute towards the delivery of and progress made in achieving its own KPI's under the Council's Corporate Plan (2019-2024).
- 3.3 As such, it is therefore recommended that the Chair of the Council's Environment Working Group for the time being - currently Councillor David M Carter - be appointed by Full Council as the single Member representative to each of the Outside Bodies with immediate effect.

⁴ Facebook (August 2019) Oadby & Wigston Environmental Forum [Online] Available at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Service/Oadby-Wigston-Environmental-Forum-108913510459810> [Accessed 10 February 2020]

⁵ For more information, see Surfers Against Sewage (January 2020) Plastic Free Communities [Online] Available at: <https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities> [Accessed 10 February 2020]