

Environment and Sustainability Committee Agenda Plan, Training Plan and Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels

To: Environment and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Date: 11 March 2021

From: Executive Director: Place & Economy, Steve Cox

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: No

Outcome: To review the Committee's agenda plan and training plan, and to consider appointments to outside bodies and internal advisory groups and panels.

It is important that the Council is represented on a wide range of outside bodies to enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations.

Recommendation: The Environment and Sustainability Committee is recommended to:

- a) Review its agenda plan attached at Appendix 1;
- b) Review its training plan attached at Appendix 2;
- c) Note the extension to the term of the appointment to Conservators of the River Cam, as detailed in Appendix 3.

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1. Background

- 1.1. The Committee will review its agenda plan and training plan at every meeting.
- 1.2. It is important that the Council is represented on a wide range of outside bodies to enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations.
- 1.3. Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels are agreed by the relevant Policy and Service Committee

2. Main Issues

- 3.1. The Environment and Sustainability Committee appoints to Outside Bodies on an annual basis, and at its meeting on 28th May 2020, the Committee appointed Councillor Anna Bradnam as its representative to Conservators of the River Cam.
- 3.2. However, it has been brought to the Council's attention that the River Cam Conservancy Act 1922 requires the Conservators to be appointed for a three-year term. The intention of the Act is that Conservator appointments by each of the four appointing bodies be for three years, but staggered, so that there is continuity.
- 3.3. Under Clause 9 (1) of the Act, the City Council appointees were required to retire on the 1st January 1924 and every three years after that, those appointed by the University Senate on the 1st January 1925, and those appointed by the County Council and what is now the EA on the 1st January 1926. At the end of the three-year term, a retiring Conservator can be re-appointed, or a new appointment made.
- 3.4. Therefore the Committee is asked to note that the term of the appointment is for three years, running until 31st December 2022.

3. Alignment with Corporate Priorities

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. Significant Implications

4.1 There are no significant implications within these categories:

- Resource Implications
- Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications
- Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications
- Equality and Diversity Implications
- Engagement and Communications Implications
- Localism and Local Member Involvement
- Public Health Implications