

Executive Report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Director of Finance

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Surrey Leaders' Group: Nominations for appointment to outside bodies

Executive Summary

The Surrey Leaders' Group (SLG) is formed of the leaders of the twelve Surrey local authorities. It provides a political forum where leaders can come together to discuss strategic issues and act as a strong representative body for local government in Surrey.

The Council has been invited by the SLG to nominate representatives to serve on two outside bodies for a period of three years in respect of each appointment.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday 4 November 2019.

Political group leaders have been asked to submit nominations. To date, no nominations have been received.

Recommendation to Executive:

To consider the submission of nominations to the Surrey Leaders' Group (SLG) in respect of the appointment of a district council representative to:

- a) The South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (3-year appointment)
- b) The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board (3-year appointment as deputy to the current appointee)

Reason for Recommendation:

To ensure that any nomination submitted by this Council is considered by the SLG

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider whether this Council should submit nominations to the SLG in respect of the appointment of a district/borough council representative on the following outside bodies for a period of three years:

- The South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association
- The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board

2. Strategic Priorities

- 2.1 The work of many of the external organisations to which the SLG makes appointments assists the Council in meeting its strategic priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The SLG is a partnership of all eleven borough and district councils in Surrey, together with Surrey County Council. It provides a forum where those councils can work together to provide better services for the people of Surrey. The SLG comprises the leaders (or equivalent) of all borough and district councils and the leader and deputy leader of Surrey County Council and is supported by the chief executives/managing directors from the twelve councils.
- 3.2 District/borough councillors represent the SLG on a number of external bodies and SLG seeks nominations each year to fill the various vacancies that arise. SLG normally makes appointments to these external bodies for a period of three years.
- 3.3 SLG wrote to us on 15 July 2019 to advise that the two appointments listed below had been deferred to the meeting of the SLG on 20 November 2019 to allow for more time for nominations to be received:

The South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (3-year appointment)

Deals with the operational requirements of all reserve forces in Surrey. The role of the representative on the County Committee is to provide a point of communication between the Borough and District Councils and their communities and to advise on local matters. The representative has the right to attend and speak at meetings.

Meets: Twice a year. June and October/November (the first meeting of the SERFCA will be held on 28 November)

Time: Evening

Venue: Territorial Army Centre, Redhill

The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board (3-year appointment)

This body relates to the Community Covenant for Surrey, a voluntary statement of mutual support between the local civilian community and its local armed forces community. It reviews the work of the signatories of the Surrey Community Covenant and oversees and takes responsibility for the administering of Ministry of Defence Community Grants. The Board has asked for a Borough/District Member nominee to act as a Deputy for Councillor Gracey (Runnymede Borough Council).

Meets: Minimum twice a year, in March and October

Time: 10am to 12noon

Venue: The meetings are held at military bases or Reserve Centres across the County. An annual Conference is held at Pirbright in February.

4. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.1 Public authorities are required to have due regard to the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty (Equality Act 2010) when making decisions and setting policies.
- 4.2 This duty has been considered in the context of this report and it has been concluded that there are no equality and diversity implications arising directly from this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from submitting nominations.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from submitting nominations.

7. Human Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no Human Resource implications arising from submitting nominations.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 The Executive is asked to consider nominations received in respect of the appointments described above.
- 8.2 Officers have asked political group leaders to submit nominations and details of any received will be reported at the meeting.
- 8.3 As mentioned above, the SLG will consider all the nominations received in respect of these appointments at its meeting on 20 November. The deadline for receipt of completed nomination forms by the SLG secretariat is Monday 4 November 2019.

9. Background Papers

Email dated 15 July 2019, from Frank Jeffrey on behalf of SLG inviting the submission of nominations.

10. Appendices

None