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Council – 22 October 2009

APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Report of the Member Support Services Manager

Statutory Powers: Local Government Act 1972 and Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Financial Implications: None

Purpose:

1. To make appointments to Council and Outside Bodies as shown below.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council RESOLVES that, with immediate effect for the remainder of the 2009/10 municipal year:-

1. **Cllr R M Lawrence be appointed to serve on the Audit Committee;**
2. **Cllr A Ward be appointed to serve on the Beach Management Task and Finish Group;**
3. **Cllr K J Baldry be appointed to serve on the Council Tax Setting Panel; and**

That for the duration of the 12 month trial period:-

4. **Cllrs M J Howarth and R J Tucker be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the County Committee. For the purposes of Members' Allowances, attendance at meetings of this body will be regarded as an approved duty.**

Background – Cllr Date

2. Members will be aware that, with effect from 30 September 2009, Cllr Geoff Date has formally resigned as a South Hams District Councillor.
3. It is therefore deemed necessary to make immediate Minority Group Member appointments to the Audit Committee, Beach Management Task and Finish Group and the Council Tax Setting Panel.
4. The additional vacancies on the Environment Policy Development Group and the full Council will remain until after the election is contested on 12 November 2009.
5. The Acting Leader of the Minority Group has been consulted and the following nominations have been received:-

- Cllr Lawrence to serve on the Audit Committee;
 - Cllr Baldry to serve on the Council Tax Setting Panel; and
 - Cllr Ward to serve on the Beach Management Task and Finish Group.
6. At the time of report preparation, no other nominations have been received, although these may still be made at the meeting.

Background – County Committee

7. Devon County Council has recently extended an invitation to the District Councils' and the City Council to be represented on each of its respective County Committees. The terms of reference for the County Committees are attached at Appendix A.
8. It is intended that this initiative will run for a trial period of 12 months, with the aim of helping the District Council to be better briefed on both local and strategic issues, thereby further strengthening relationships between the authorities.
9. The Membership of each County Committee will be widened by offering two places to the District Council and one place to a representative of the Devon Association of Parish Councils Executive. For absolute clarity, those Members who are appointed will not have any voting entitlement at these meetings.
10. The Leader has been consulted and Cllrs Howarth and Tucker have been nominated to represent the Council on this Committee.
11. At the time of report preparation, no other nominations have been received, although again, these may still be made at the meeting.

Darryl White
Member Support Services Manager

Council
29 October 2009

Background Documents:

South Hams District Council Constitution
Devon County Council Constitution