

## Report – requested changes to the Constitution (Outside Bodies)

1. At the Council meeting on the 30 July 2020 the following motion was put forward:

The Leader said he would be more inclusive when he was elected and yet he has not demonstrated this so under Standing Order 28.2, I propose a variation to Council Standing Order 8.3 little f.

I move as follows:-

“8.3 little ‘f’ be amended to prevent the Leader assigning all the Outside Bodies to his own party as opposed to the councillors best suited to carrying out these roles.”

2. Under Standing Order 28.2 it states any motion to add to, vary or revoke these Standing Orders will, when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council unless the proposal has been the subject of consideration and report by the Monitoring Officer.
3. At the time of that meeting this proposed amendment had not been the subject of consideration or report from the Monitoring Officer.
4. Standing Order 8.3 f states: Appoint to outside bodies except where appointment to those bodies has been delegated by the Council or is exercisable only by the Leader.
5. The appointments to outside bodies which relate to executive functions are under the constitution appointed by the Leader. These are not appointments which are within the remit of the Council.
6. If this motion was passed by Councillors, then the standing order could be amended in a number of ways to try to achieve the aims of the motion, but as the selection of person does sit with the Leader there will always be that individual’s interpretation of the best persons suited for the roles. Also there may be the situation where those with the relevant experience and knowledge all come from the same party.
7. A suggested change of wording could be “Appoint to outside bodies except where appointment to those bodies has been delegated by the Council or is exercisable only by the Leader (the Leader’s appointment to be on a non-political basis and based upon individual Councillor’s skills).”