

# Corporate Policy and Resources Committee



4 October 2021

<b>Title</b>	Appointment to the Thames Landscape Strategy Partnership
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	To make a decision
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<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	Shepperton Town, Riverside and Laleham, Laleham and Shepperton Green, Staines and Sunbury East.
<b>Exempt</b>	No
<b>Exemption Reason</b>	Not applicable
<b>Corporate Priority</b>	This item is not in the current list of Corporate Priorities but still requires a Committee decision.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Committee is asked to:</b>  Agree the appointment of Councillor Vivienne Leighton as the Council's representative on the Thames Landscape Strategy Partnership
<b>Reason for Recommendation</b>	Cllr Leighton has been actively engaged with the Partnership in an informal capacity for two years and meets their preferred criteria for membership.

## 1. Key issues

- 1.1 The Council has been requested to appoint a councillor representative to serve on the Thames Landscape Strategy Partnership.
- 1.2 The Thames Landscape Strategy (TLS) brings together a partnership of organisations, individuals and local groups to provide strategic guidance for the Thames corridor between Weybridge, Hampton and Kew in West London. The partnership acts as a catalyst to implement project work on the ground, and as a day-to-day link between the authorities, the local communities and the vision of the Strategy.
- 1.3 The Corporate Policy and Resources Committee is delegated by Council to make appointments of representatives on outside bodies.
- 1.4 A spokesperson for the Thames Landscape Strategy Partnership has advised that the representative should ideally be someone with an interest in and/or authority regarding riverside issues and be a river ward councillor within the TLS area.

- 1.5 Councillor Vivienne Leighton, ward councillor for Shepperton Town which includes parts of the river, has attended meetings of the Board on an informal basis for the past two years.
- 1.6 As a result of her active engagement with the Partnership over the past two years and to maintain consistency, the Leader has nominated Councillor Leighton to be formally appointed the Council's representative on the TLS Partnership.
- 1.7 All Group Leaders were notified of the position and invited to propose nominations. None were received – deadline 23/9.

## **2. Options analysis and proposal**

- 2.1 Option 1 – to appoint Councillor Leighton as the Council's representative. This is the preferred option as she has been serving on the Partnership in an informal capacity for the past two years and meets their preferred criteria for membership.
- 2.2 Option 2 – to appoint another councillor as the Council's representative. (Comment on any other nominations received – deadline 23/9)

## **3. Financial implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **4. Other considerations**

- 4.1 There are none.

## **5. Equality and Diversity**

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

## **6. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications**

- 6.1 There are no sustainability or climate change implications arising from this appointment.

## **7. Timetable for implementation**

- 7.1 This appointment will be effective immediately until June 2022, to align with all the Council's outside bodies appointments.

**Background papers:** There are none.