

Executive Report

Ward(s) affected: n/a

Report of Strategic Services Director

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Surrey Leaders' Group: Nominations for appointment 2020-21

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 the SCC Adults and Health Select Committee and the Countryside Access Forum.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday 12 June 2020.

Recommendation to Executive:

- (1) 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 Surrey County Council Adults and Health Select Committee (previously referred to as the Surrey County Council Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board). One position available for three years (2020/21 to 2022/23).
 - b) The Countryside Access Forum. One position available for three years (2020/21 to 2022/23).
- (2) Subject to (1) above, and the agreement of the chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to agree that the call-in procedure shall not apply in respect of any decision to submit nominations.

Reason for Recommendation:

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

Is the report (or part of it) exempt from publication? No

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 in 2020-21:

- (a) the SCC Adults and Health Select Committee
- (b) the Countryside Access Forum

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. A small working group appointed by the SLG will consider the nominations and make recommendations to it at its June meeting.

3.3 This year, SLG has invited nominations in respect of the external bodies described below.

SCC Adults and Health Select Committee (formerly the SCC Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board)

One position available for three years (2020/21 to 2022/23).

The following services are included within the remit of the Adults and Health Select Committee:

- Statutory health scrutiny
- Adult Social Care (including safeguarding)
- Health integration and devolution
- Review and scrutiny of all health services commissioned or delivered within Surrey
- Public Health
- Review delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Future local delivery model and strategic commissioning

NOTE: Nominees cannot be a Member of the Council's Executive (or equivalent) and should be members of the Council's Scrutiny (or equivalent) committee.

Meets: Six times a year
Time: 10.30am.
Venue: Surrey County Council

Countryside Access Forum

One position available for three years (2020/21 to 2022/23).

The Forum is an independent body that advises the County Council and others on improving access to the countryside. It has a maximum of 22 members who represent a broad range of interests, including farmers, landowners and those who earn their living in the countryside; users who enjoy the countryside in many different ways; and other relevant interests, such as nature conservation.

Future meetings of the Forum are scheduled for:

- Monday 20 July 2020 at 1.30pm (Venue to be confirmed)
- Monday 19 October 2020 at 1.30pm (Venue to be confirmed)

Venue: Various venues around central Surrey

4. Consultations

4.1 None

5. Key Risks

5.1 There are no key risks arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 Other than the requirement that SLG cannot appoint executive councillors to SCC's Adults and Health Select Committee, there are no other legal implications.

8. Human Resource Implications

8.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications

9.1 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.

- 9.2 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.

10. Climate Change/Sustainability Implications

- 10.1 Both bodies are forums with partnership opportunities to consider matters of public wellbeing.

11. Summary of Options

- 11.1 There is no obligation for the Council to submit nominations to the SLG, but they offer an opportunity for partnership working to benefit local communities and also an opportunity for individual councillor development.

12. Conclusion

- 12.1 The Executive is asked to consider nominations received in respect of the appointments described above.
- 12.2 Officers have asked political group leaders to submit nominations and details of any received will be reported at the meeting.
- 12.3 As mentioned above, a small working group of the SLG will consider all the nominations received in respect of these appointments and make a recommendation to the SLG at its meeting in June. The deadline for receipt of completed nomination forms by SLG secretariat is Friday 12 June 2020.

13. Background Papers

Email dated 16 March 2020 from Frank Jeffery on behalf of SLG, inviting the submission of nominations.

14. Appendices

None