Leader's 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.

Each year local authorities are invited to nominate Elected Members to positions available on outside bodies through the Surrey Leaders' Group. There will be positions available on the following outside bodies from 2021/22, each position for three years; these are:

- 1. The High Sheriff's Award
- 2. The SCC Pension Fund
- 3. The Active Surrey Sports Partner Forum
- 4. The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership

Details of the vacancies can be found in the appendices to this report.

The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday**, **8 June 2020**.

Recommendation to the Leader of the Council:

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 High Sheriff's Award. One position available for three years (2020/21 to 2022/23).
- b) The SCC Pension Fund. One position available for three years (2020/21 to 2022/23).
- c) The Active Surrey Sports Partner Forum. One position available for three years (2020/21 to 2022/23).

d) The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership One position available for three years (2020/21 to 2022/23).

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:
 - 1. The High Sheriff's Award
 - 2. The SCC Pension Fund
 - 3. The Active Surrey Sports Partner Forum
 - 4. The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership

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.
 - 1. The High Sheriff's Award (Appendix 1)
 - 2. The SCC Pension Fund (Appendix 2)
 - 3. The Active Surrey Sports Partner Forum (Appendix 3)
 - 4. The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership (Appendix 4)

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 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 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 interest and 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 Leader 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 Tuesday 8 June 2021.

13. Background Papers

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

14. Appendices

Appendix 1 The High Sheriff's Award

Appendix 2 The SCC Pension Fund

Appendix 3 The Active Surrey Sports Partner Forum

Appendix 4 The Surrey Civilian Military Partnership