

Harborough District Council



Report to Council Meeting of 07 October 2024

Title:	Appointment to Outside Body
Status:	Public
Key Decision:	N/A
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Appendices:	None

Summary

- i. This report asks Council to approve a change to the Council Appointed representative on the Market Harborough and the Bowdens Charity.

Recommendations

1. To approve the appointment of John Richardson as the Council's representative on the Market Harborough and Bowdens Charity, replacing Liz Elliott.

Reasons for Recommendations

- ii. It is a requirement of the appointment that the Council is represented by a senior officer of the Council and this sits appropriately with the Chief Executive.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve the appointment of the Chief Executive as the Council's representative on the Market Harborough and Bowdens Charity and enable the Council to continue to be represented in line with the requirements of the Charity.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Market Harborough and Bowdens Charity is active in community organisations, health, education, the arts, heritage and in helping individuals within Market Harborough, Great Bowden and Little Bowden.
- 2.2 In accordance with the Charity's requirements, the Council is represented by a senior officer of Harborough District Council. Previously this appointment was held by the Interim Chief Executive and this report seeks to update this to appoint the Chief Executive.

3. Details

- 3.1 Harborough District Council's Constitution has designated appointments to Outside Bodies as a function of Council and this has not been delegated further. Therefore it is the responsibility of Council to appoint representative to Outside Bodies.
- 3.2 The Market Harborough and Bowdens Charity is a charitable body which allocates grants to individuals and groups. Their ethos is helping to change people's lives for the better, whether it's for individuals, communities or specific organisations. They also provide practical help for people in times of difficulty.
- 3.3 Some of the organisations it has helped include
 - Harborough Youth and Community Trust
 - Home-Start South Leicestershire
 - Living Rock Trust
 - The Emergency Cadets of Market Harborough
 - Harborough FM
 - Voluntary Action South Leicestershire
 - Vista
 - Harborough Town Football Club
- 3.4 It is a requirement of the Charity that the Council's representative is a senior officer. Historically the Chief Executive has been appointed and therefore, following the change of postholder, it is recommended that Council approve the appointment of John Richardson as the Council's representative on the Charity.

4. Implications of Decisions

Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The recommendation supports the delivery of the Corporate Plan Priorities of Community leadership to create a sense of pride and belonging and Promoting health and wellbeing and encouraging healthy life choices.

Consultation

- 4.2 No consultation was required

Financial

4.3 There are no financial implications to this decision.

Legal

4.4 The recommendation is in line with The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 and the Council's Constitution.

Environmental Implications

4.5 None

Risk Management

4.6 The risk of not appointing to the Charity would be that the Council would no longer be represented and would not have the opportunity to input into the work of the Charity.

Equalities Impact

4.7 Equalities consideration will need to be taken into account by the Charity.

Data Protection

4.8 The Charity is a separate legal entity and therefore will need to have its own Data Protection procedures.

5. Alternative Options Considered

Not to appoint – this option was rejected to enable the Council to continue to be represented.

To appoint a different representative – this option was rejected as the role sits appropriately with the Chief Executive and has historically sat with that postholder.

6. Recommendation

To approve the appointment of John Richardson as the Council's representative on the Market Harborough and Bowdens Charity, replacing Liz Elliott.

7. Background papers

None