

Management Committee

12 December 2017

Councillor Appointment to Outside Body

For Decision

Briefholder

Cllr Alison Reed

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Statutory Authority

Local Government Act 1972

Purpose of Report

- 1 To consider including a new organisation within the council's list of outside bodies following a request from the organisation.
- 2 To appoint a member to serve on this organisation if its inclusion is approved.

Recommendations

- 3 To consider including Safewise within the council's list of outside bodies.
- 4 To appoint a member to serve on this organisation if Safewise's inclusion as one of the council's outside bodies is approved.

Reason for Decision

- 5 To consider representation of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council on this group.

Background and Reason Decision Needed

- 6 Safewise approached the council in October 2017 asking for a councillor representative on their new local advisory board.
- 7 SafeWise aims to provide realistic and immersive learning experiences to equip visitors with skills, knowledge and confidence to live active, fulfilling and safer lives in stronger communities. It is a charity operating across Dorset, with centres in Bournemouth and Weymouth. Trustees direct the charity, but to make sure each local centre reflects local needs, advisory boards are being developed.

- 8 The organisation is seeking a borough councillor representative to help provide a local focus and ensure the programmes provided remain relevant given the changing world of provision of public services. The role is about making sure the programmes provided by Safewise are what is needed as well as inputting ideas to ensure Safewise at Weymouth is financially successful.
- 9 Safewise requires one councillor to attend to undertake the role as a member of Safewise's local board in Weymouth. There will be approximately 3 - 4 meetings a year (for about 2 hours) at Weymouth Community Fire Station.
- 10 Following their request all members of council were invited to apply to be the council's representative on this board. One application was received from Cllr G Taylor which is appended to this report.

Implications

Financial

- 11 There are no financial implications arising from the process of making appointments to internal working groups or outside bodies.

Equalities

- 12 All members of WPBC were invited to apply for this vacancy, with the exception of Cllr C James because she already has a place on the board in her personal capacity.

Consultation and Engagement

- 13 All WPBC councillors were notified of the vacancy.

Appendices

- 14 Appendix 1 - Application received for the position of a member of Safewise's Local Board.

Background Papers

- 15 There are no background papers.

Footnote

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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