

FULL COUNCIL

Date:	Monday, 13 February 2023
Title:	Appointment to Advisory Committees and External Bodies/Outside Organisations
Contact Officer:	Deputy Town Clerk - Adam Clapton

Background

The Town Council appoints representatives and nominated trustees to Advisory Committees/Outside Bodies which provide services to the residents of Witney.

Current Situation

The following organisations have current vacancies which should be considered by the Council.

Witney Town Charity

The Charity operates 18 Almshouses and provides grants for those in need. Within its constitution it allows for 6 Witney Town Councillors to be on the Trust as nominated Trustees. **One vacancy**, from October 2022, for a 4-year term exists and the Charity has advised that non-councillors can be nominated by the Council, subject to professional experience.

The charitable objectives of the Witney Town Charity are:

1. The provision and maintenance of Almshouses for poor persons
2. The relief of poor persons in conditions of need, hardship, or distress.

The Charity is keen for trustees to have experience in or a willingness to be involved in projects covering; Social Housing & Homelessness, Issues affecting young people aged 11-25, and Poverty. A letter providing further details on the Charity and the commitment involved is available on request.

Air Quality Action Plans (AQAPs) Steering Group

West Oxfordshire District Council has established a Steering Group to suggest and decide on suitable mitigation measures for Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAS) in Witney and Chipping Norton to improve on the current air quality status.

‘The process will require one 2.5hr workshop, with follow up correspondence and possibly (but unlikely) a second workshop/meeting, depending on how the project pans out. There may also be additional time required depending on how much preparation the Member would like to make and how much input the Town Council wish to have.

Finally, there may be a requirement to attend an annual review meeting to assess progress and amend the Plan if required.’

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Proposing one nominated trustee to serve on Witney Town Charity on behalf of the Town Council and,
2. Proposing one Member to serve on the West Oxfordshire District Council Air Quality Action Plans (AQAPs) Steering Group