

## FULL COUNCIL

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**Date:** Monday, 20 June 2022

**Title:** Appointment to Outside Bodies – Witney Town Charity

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk – Adam Clapton

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### Background

Members will recall there are current Town Council Trustee vacancies on the Witney Town Charity. The decision on appointments was deferred from the Annual Council Meeting while further information was awaited.

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.

It operates 18 Almshouses and also provides grants for those in need.

Within its constitution it allows for 6 Witney Town Councillors to be on the Trust as nominated Trustees.

### Current Situation

The current nominated trustees from Witney Town Council are as follows:

Cllr A McMahon	<i>Expired</i>
Cllr L Ashbourne	<i>Expired</i>
Mr J King	<i>Expiring October 2022</i>
Cllr M Jones	June 2024
Cllr J Aitman	June 2025
Mr C Woodward	February 2026

Members will be aware there was a Council nominated trustee position upon the expiration of Cllr McMahon's term in November 2021. Cllr Ashbourne has since resigned her position and Mr J King's position expires in October.

The Charity has sent correspondence which is attached to the report which may help members resolve who should fill these positions on behalf of the Council. 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.

**Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind 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 relevant to the contents of this report

**Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report and;

1. Consider filling the three Council trustee vacancies for (and due in) the current municipal year.