

**Forward Plan reference number:** Not applicable

<b>Report title:</b> Appointment to two outside bodies	
<b>Report to:</b> Councillor David Finch, Leader of the Council	
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<b>Date:</b> 25 June 2020	<b>For:</b> Decision
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> All Essex	

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 Paragraph 16.6.1 of the Council's Constitution permits the Leader to appoint representatives to and membership of key external bodies and also to exercise the responsibility to promote democratic engagement and representation.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That with immediate effect ECC's nominated member on the Council of Governors for the Essex Partnership University Trust will be Cllr Bob Massey and ECC's member on the Board of West Essex CCG will be Cllr John Moran.

## **3. Summary of issue**

- 3.1 The Council is asked to make a number of appointments to external bodies. Sometimes this is a legal requirement, sometimes it is set out in the constitution of the body concerned and sometimes it is just at the request of the organisation concerned.
- 3.2 The frequency of any appointment depends on the organisation concerned but usually the Cabinet Member is able to need to make appointments at any time.
- 3.3 The recommended appointments are in accordance with the Council's rights to make appointments to the bodies concerned.

## **4. Equality and Diversity implications**

- 4.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the Council when it makes decisions. The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:
- a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful

- b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.
- 4.2 The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that 'marriage and civil partnership' is not a relevant protected characteristic for (b) or (c) although it is relevant for (a).
- 4.3 In making these appointments the Leader will want to appoint the best person for the job whilst looking to appointments that reflect as far as possible the diversity of Essex.

<b>I approve the above recommendations set out above for the reasons set out in the report.</b>	<b>Date</b>
Councillor David Finch, Leader of the Council	25 June 2020

In consultation with

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