



**COTSWOLD**  
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| Council name               | <b>COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL</b>  |
| Name and date of Committee | <b>ANNUAL COUNCIL – 20 MAY 2026</b>   |
| Subject                    | <b>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2026/27</b>   |
| Wards affected             | All   |
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| Summary/Purpose            | This report provides Council with a current list of appointments to Outside Bodies for the civic year 2026/27.  |
| Annexes                    | Annex A – Representatives on Outside Bodies 2026/27 (to follow)   |
| Recommendation(s)          | That Council resolves to:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Confirm the appointments to the Gloucestershire County Council Economic Strategy Scrutiny Committee and the Gloucestershire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Annex A Table 1;</li><li>2. Note the appointments to outside bodies by the Leader of the Council in respect of executive functions, as set out in Annex A Table 2.</li></ol> |
| Corporate priorities       | Supporting Communities  |
| Key Decision               | NO  |
| Exempt                     | NO  |



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| Consultees/<br>Consultation | N/A |
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## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**1.1** This report sets out the appointment to outside bodies.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

**2.1** Appointments to most outside bodies are the responsibility of the Leader of the Council, who makes such appointments annually in May.

**2.2** The exception is the appointment to the Gloucestershire County Council Economic Strategy Scrutiny Committee and the Gloucestershire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as these are non-executive committees for appointment by Council.

## **3. MAIN POINTS**

**3.1** The proposed appointments for 2026/27 are included in Annex A to this report.

## **4. GLOUCESTERHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (LGR) JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL**

**4.1** Following engagement with Overview and Scrutiny Committees and their equivalents at all seven Gloucestershire councils between February and April this year, the majority preference was for the establishment of a Joint Scrutiny Panel, and this has been agreed by the Portfolio Board and LGR Steering Group.

**4.2** A Joint Scrutiny Panel is a temporary cross-council scrutiny body established during LGR to provide democratic oversight of the transition to new authorities. It exists to ensure that major decisions taken during the reorganisation are properly scrutinised, even though existing councils are being abolished.

**4.3** Constitutionally the panel will be hosted by Cheltenham Borough Council, but this will be supported, if required, by officers from across councils.

**4.4** The agreed key principles for the Panel are:

- There is a clear commitment to meetings held in public while reserving right to meet in private if necessary
- The request is that each council nominates two representatives with the recommendation that these should include one representative from each of the two main parties (nominations are solely at the discretion of each council)
- There will be clear lines of reporting/feedback set out in Terms of Reference. Work on the Terms of Reference is starting imminently.



## **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 5.1** The Leader is free to make such appointments as they consider appropriate in respect of executive functions.
- 5.2** Council is free to appoint any non-executive member to the external non-executive committees.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1** Travel and subsistence allowances will be payable in respect of the majority of appointments made, if claimed.
- 6.2** Provision for this is included in the Council's budget.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1** None.

## **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1** None.

## **9. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 8.1** None.

## **10. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1** There may be climate change implications arising from car travel to meetings of the outside bodies.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 11.1** None.

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