

Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee

21 November 2019

Appointment of Special Interest Groups

Purpose of the report:

To outline the procedure for the appointment of Special Interest Group (SIG) representation to the Basingstoke Joint Management Committee (JMC) as co-opted Members and invite the Committee to agree one re-appointment and one appointment of co-opted Members for the period to May 2021.

Introduction:

1. This report provides information to the Committee regarding the current process relating to the selection of Special Interest Groups appointed as non-voting co-opted Members to the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee (JMC).
2. The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to re-appoint the Galleon Marine Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Special Interest Group and to appoint Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council from the expressions of interest received, in place of the National Trust, River Wey and Godalming Navigations.

Re-appointment of Co-opted Member

2. The Memorandum of Agreement of the JMC, dated 27 February 2014, states the following under section 11 regarding the appointment of Special Interest Groups:

“The Committee currently comprises...one advisory representative each from Natural England and two from the Basingstoke Canal Society. Up to a further 5 advisory co-opted members may be appointed by the Committee from Special Interest Groups. Representatives shall normally be co-opted for periods of four years but shall be eligible for further periods of co-option.”
3. The current co-opted membership of the Basingstoke Canal JMC and when the appointments are due to expire is detailed in **Annex 1** of this report.
4. As per the Memorandum of Agreement above, the membership of Galleon Marine LLP is eligible to be extended for a further two years until May 2021 in line with the elections of all the other Special Interest Groups.

Appointment of New Co-opted Member

5. The membership of the National Trust, River Wey and Godalming Navigations due to expire in October 2021 is now vacant as the representative has now stepped down. Therefore there is a vacancy for another co-opted Special Interest Group member for the remaining two years.
6. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have expressed an interest in filling that vacancy - **Annex 2**. The Joint Advisory Group (the partnership's officers) have considered their application and recommended that they are co-opted for the remaining term of the vacancy – two years.

Conclusions:

7. As per the Memorandum of Agreement, the Joint Management Committee is required to take a decision as to the status of the co-opted member whose four-year co-option period has expired.
8. The Joint Management Committee is asked to accept the Joint Advisory Group's (JAG) recommendation to co-opt Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council in place of the vacant National Trust, River Wey and Godalming Navigations position for the remainder of the two year term.

Recommendations:

That the Committee:

- a) Agrees the re-appointment of Galleon Marine LLP for a further two years until May 2021;
- b) Co-opts Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as a Special Interest Group until May 2021.

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Sources/background papers:

Annex 1 – Current List of Co-Opted Members of Basingstoke Canal JMC
 Annex 2 – Expression of Interest