

CABINET – 15 MARCH 2011

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL: MEMBERSHIP

Report by County Solicitor

Introduction

1. The Arts Council is recruiting local authority members to the Board of the South East Regional Arts Council. This Council is invited to apply for one place. (The Arts Council letter has been placed in the Members' Resource Centre.
2. Representation on the Board would provide an opportunity for this Council to influence and shape the provision of Arts Council regional policy. Arts Council funding is changing over the coming year; in addition, the Arts Council is taking over the 'museums' function from the Museums Libraries and Archives Council which is being disbanded. It is not yet known how this will be managed, or whether this will become part of the brief for this Board in due course.

Appointment to Outside Body

3. The Arts Council states that Regional Arts Council local authority members are usually recruited at either Leader or Cabinet portfolio holders.

RECOMMENDATION

4. Cabinet is **RECOMMENDED** to
 - (a) ***nominate the Cabinet Member for Safer & Stronger Communities for a place on the Arts Council England's Board of the South East Regional Arts Council; and***
 - (b) ***include the Board in the 'All Appointments' list as a 'Standing Advisory Body'.***

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Background papers: Arts Council letter
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