

Membership of Outside Bodies – Canal and River Trust Council

Purpose of Report

For decision

Is this report confidential? No

Summary

Canals and rivers managed by British Waterways in England and Wales, transferred to a charitable trust - now named Canal & River Trust - in April 2012. Within the governance structure of the Trust, the Council has a remit to safeguard the long-term values and purposes of the Trust. The Council helps to shape policy, raise and debate issues, and provide guidance, perspective and a sounding board for Trustees.

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LGA Plan Theme: **Championing climate change and local environments**

Recommendation(s)

That the Board invites nominations and puts forward a single nomination for the Trust Council.

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Background

Canal and River Trust Council

2. The Council is made up of up to 50 members and includes a mix of elected and independently nominated individuals together with the six Regional Advisory Board chairs, who are ex officio members.
3. Council members reflect the wide appeal of the waterways - from boating and angling through to walking and conservation. The Council is chaired by the chair of the Trust Board, David Orr CBE. Further details and a list of existing members can be found [here](#).
4. Council members are expected to serve for a period of four years.
5. The Council is responsible for the appointment of trustees. It debates important points of principle to provide guidance and perspective from different stakeholders, suggesting issues of concern for the Trustees to pursue, and acts as a sounding board for the Trustees in relation to the development of proposals and strategy.
6. Council meetings are usually held twice a year, in March and September. The September meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The first meeting will be on 20th March.
7. The LGA does not normally provide a brief for this role.

Implications for Wales

8. The Canal and Rivers Trust covers canals and rivers in England and Wales

Financial Implications

9. There are no immediate financial implications.

Equalities implications

10. The Trust is [committed](#) to inclusion and diversity values.

Next steps

- The Board is requested to invite nominations and agree the LGA nomination.

- LGA officers will subsequently inform the Trust of the LGA's decision.