Council	Agenda Item 38
21 October 2010	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:		**Member appointment to the Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority**
Date of Meeting:		**21 October 2010**
Report of:		**Acting Director of Strategy & Governance**
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Wards Affected:	**All**	

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation District and corresponding Authority (Sussex IFCA) has now been formally established and a 'Shadow Authority' has been constituted to operate until the Sussex IFCA becomes fully functional on the 1st April 2011.

1.2 The relevant local authorities have been asked to each nominate members to the Sussex IFCA and Brighton & Hove Council has been designated with one member appointment. This report provides the relevant background including details of the roles and responsibilities of the Authority members in order to enable the Council to agree the appointment.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Council appoints one member to the Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (Sussex IFCA).

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

3.1 On 8th September 2010, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs formally confirmed the designation of the Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Order, which came into effect on the 1st October 2010. The Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation District and corresponding Authority will replace the Sussex Sea Fisheries District Committee on 31st March 2011.

3.2 At present inshore fisheries in England are managed by Sea Fisheries Committees, which are made up of members representing their constituent local authorities. The new Sussex IFCA will have a similar make-up with members appointed by East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove City Council.

3.3 The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) undertook a consultation exercise from January to April 2009 and again from March to April 2010 before putting forward the instrument to Parliament to establish the new authority.

3.4 It should be noted that the overall purpose for the members is to ensure that the Sussex IFCA fulfils its objectives to regulate sea fisheries within their district.

3.5 Council is requested to nominate a member to represent Brighton & Hove City Council on the Sussex IFCA.

3.6 The Council's current representatives on the Sussex Sea Fisheries District Committee are Councillors Kemble and Davis and they will continue to serve on the District Committee until the 31st March 2011.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs consulted with relevant authorities and sea fisheries committees to determine the changes resulting in the establishment of the new Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation District.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 A levy will be applied by the new authority to each of the constituent authorities as set out in the IFCA Order No.2199 and this will amount to 11.08% for the Council.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley *Date: 04.10.10*

5.2 Legal Implications:

The framework for the appointment of a Local Authority member to the Sussex IFCA has been set out in the body of the report. The Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 will formally establish the Sussex IFCA and this requires one member to be appointed from Brighton & Hove City Council.

Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert *Date: 04.10.10*

5.3 Equalities Implications:

There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

5.4 Sustainability Implications:

There are no specific sustainability implications arising from this report.

5.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

5.6 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

There are no specific risk or opportunity management implications arising from this report.

5.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

There are no specific corporate/citywide implications arising from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:
1. None.

Documents in Members' Rooms
1. None