

<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 June 2021
<b>Subject:</b>	Appointment to Outside Bodies 2021/22		
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cabinet Member - Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt Confidential Report:</b>	No		

### Summary:

To consider the appointment of the Council's representatives to serve on Outside Bodies and Thematic Partnership Bodies for 2021/22 for periods of one year and longer as set out in the attached appendices.

The appendices show the proposed appointments for 2021/22 following nominations submitted by the Political Groups on the Council.

**Recommendation(s):** That the Cabinet be requested to:

- (1) approve the proposed representation on the various Outside Bodies for a twelve month period expiring in May 2022 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) approve the proposed representation on the various Outside Bodies for the term of office as indicated and set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

### Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Cabinet has delegated powers set out in Chapter 5, Paragraph 40 of the Constitution to appoint the Council's representatives to serve on Outside Bodies.

### Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None

### What will it cost and how will it be financed?

#### (A) Revenue Costs

None arising from this report. The Council pays annual membership subscriptions to a number of the bodies from existing budgetary provision and the annual levy to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

**(B) Capital Costs**

None

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Financial</b>								
<b>Legal</b> Paragraph 40 of Chapter 5 in the Constitution gives the Cabinet delegated powers to make appointments to Outside Bodies, appropriate.								
<b>Human Resources</b>								
<b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b>  The recommendations within this report will <table border="1"><tr><td>Have a positive impact</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Have a neutral impact</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>Have a negative impact</td><td>N/A</td></tr><tr><td>The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors</td><td>YES</td></tr></table>  The continuation of work directly contributes towards achieving the targets within the Council's Climate Emergency strategy.	Have a positive impact	N/A	Have a neutral impact	N/A	Have a negative impact	N/A	The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	YES
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<b>Equality</b> 1. No Equality Implication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated <input type="checkbox"/>								
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains <input type="checkbox"/>								

**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable: The appointment of Council representatives on to the Outside Bodies will ensure that the interests of residents of Sefton are taken into account by each Body.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: As above
Commission, broker and provide core services: As above

Place – leadership and influencer: As above
Drivers of change and reform: As above
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: As above
Greater income for social investment: As above
Cleaner Greener: As above

### **Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:**

The appointment of Council representatives on to the Outside Bodies will ensure that the interests of residents of Sefton are taken into account by each Body.

### **What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Executive Director Corporate Resources & Customer Services (FD6379/21) has been consulted and notes the report indicates no new direct financial implications for the Council.

The Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4580/21) has been consulted and comments have been incorporated into the report

### **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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### **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection

### **Appendices:**

Appendix1– Proposed appointments for 12 month period expiring in May 2022

Appendix2– Proposed appointments for a period of over one year.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Cabinet has delegated authority in the Council Constitution to appoint Council representatives to serve on Outside Bodies. The majority of the appointments are reviewed on an annual basis and the proposed representation for 2021/22 is set out in **Appendix 1** to this report. The Cabinet is requested to appoint representatives to serve on the bodies set out in the Appendix for the next twelve month period expiring in May 2022.
- 1.2 A small number of appointments are for a period of over one year. These are for charitable bodies and governing bodies. The proposed representation on these bodies is set out in **Appendix 2** to this report. The Cabinet is requested to appoint those representatives whose current term of office on the appropriate body expired(s) in 2020 and 2021, as highlighted in bold type.
- 1.3 A high number of the places on Outside Bodies are historically allocated to the most appropriate Cabinet Member and the remainder are allocated dependent on the number of places available, to the most appropriate Local Councillor(s). The details of the links to Cabinet Portfolios are set out in the two appendices.
- 1.4 The annual appointments to the Merseyside Joint Authority Bodies were agreed at the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting held on 20 May 2021.

## **2. Local Government Association General Assembly**

- 2.1 Councillor Maher has attended meetings of the Local Government Association General Assembly during the last eight years and it is proposed in Appendix 1 to this report that Cllr Maher should continue to be the Council's representative for 2021/22 and be authorised to use the allocated 5 votes on behalf of the Council.

## **3. Sandway Homes Board and Sefton New Directions Board**

- 3.1 The governance structure of the Sandway Homes Board (Sefton Housing Development Company) and Sefton New Directions Board includes the appointment of a shareholder representative and other elected members / officers appointed by the Cabinet. The Cabinet has previously agreed that the Cabinet Member – Communities and Housing should be the Shareholder Representative to the Sandway Homes Board and that the Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care should be the Shareholder Representative on the Sefton New Directions Board. These two appointments are set out in Appendix 1 to this report for noting and the Cabinet is requested to approve the appointment of the other members / officers on to these two bodies as set out in Appendix 1. They will contribute to the strengthening of governance, will support with the development and implementation of strategy, and will enable effective oversight and support of management.

## **4. Joint Health Scrutiny Committees**

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) at its meeting on 6 May 2014 and the Council at its meeting on 3 June 2014 approved a protocol

which had been developed as a framework for the operation of joint health scrutiny arrangements across the local authorities of Cheshire and Merseyside. The protocol allows for the scrutiny of substantial developments and variations of the health service; and discretionary scrutiny of local health services.

- 4.2 The protocol provides a framework for health scrutiny arrangements which operate on a joint basis only. Each constituent local authority has its own local arrangements in place for carrying out health scrutiny activity individually.
- 4.3 All relevant NHS bodies and providers of NHS-funded services are required to consult local authorities when they have a proposal for a substantial development or substantial variation to the health service. Those authorities that agree that any such proposal does constitute a substantial development or variation are obliged to form a joint health overview and scrutiny committee for the purpose of formal consultation by the proposer of the development or variation.
- 4.4 Should that occur a joint committee would be composed of Councillors from each of the participating authorities within Cheshire and Merseyside in the following ways:
- where 4 or more local authorities deem the proposed change to be substantial, each authority will nominate 2 elected members; and
  - where 3 or less local authorities deem the proposed change to be substantial, then each participating authority will nominate 3 elected members.
- 4.5 To avoid inordinate delays in the establishment of a relevant joint committee, it is suggested in the protocol that constituent authorities should arrange for delegated decision making arrangements to be put in place to deal with such nominations at the earliest opportunity and in making their nominations, each participating authority is asked to ensure that their representatives have the experience and expertise to contribute effectively to a health scrutiny process.

Please follow the link below to access the Protocol:

[http://smbc-modgov-03/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD2284&ID=2284&RPID=28603547&\\$LO\\$=1](http://smbc-modgov-03/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD2284&ID=2284&RPID=28603547&$LO$=1)