

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	26 May 2022
Subject:	Appointment to Outside Bodies 2022/23		
Report of:	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To consider the appointment of the Council's representatives to serve on Outside Bodies and Thematic Partnership Bodies for 2022/23 for periods of one year and longer as set out in the attached appendices.

The appendices show the proposed appointments for 2022/23 following nominations submitted by the Political Groups on the Council.

Recommendation(s): That:

- (1) the proposed representation on the various Outside Bodies for a twelve-month period expiring in May 2023 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) to avoid delay in the appointment of Members to the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee authority be granted for the Leader of the Council to make the nominations, in accordance with political balance procedures, once the political proportionality across the Cheshire and Merseyside local authorities has been resolved;
- (3) consideration be given to allocating the vacant position on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (where 3 or less local authorities request scrutiny of a substantial variation to a service), as referred to in paragraph 5 of the report, to another Member of the authority; and
- (4) the proposed representation on the various Outside Bodies for the term of office as indicated and set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.

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:

Financial

Legal

Paragraph 40 of Chapter 5 in the Constitution gives the Cabinet delegated powers to make appointments to Outside Bodies, appropriate.

Human Resources

Climate Emergency Implications:

The recommendations within this report will

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

The continuation of work directly contributes towards achieving the targets within the Council's Climate Emergency strategy.

Equality

- 1. No Equality Implication
- 2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated
- 3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains

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 (FD6790/22) has been consulted and notes the report indicates no new direct financial implications for the Council.

The Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4990/22) 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:

Appendix 1 – Proposed appointments for 12-month period expiring in May 2023 – to follow

Appendix 2 – Proposed appointments for a period of over one year – to follow

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 2022/23 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 2023.
- 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 2022, 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 Annual Council Meeting held on 19 May 2022.

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 2022/23 and be authorised to use the allocated 5 votes on behalf of the Council.

3. Joint Health Scrutiny Committees

- 3.1 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.

- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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)

4. **Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**
- 4.1 In response to the proposed establishment of Integrated Care Systems in England under the Health and Care Act 2022, the Chief Executives of the nine Merseyside and Cheshire local authorities have agreed a number of actions to ensure that joint health scrutiny arrangements in Cheshire and Merseyside are fit to meet the challenge of the new statutory Integrated Care System (ICS) arrangements. It has been deemed appropriate to establish a standing joint health scrutiny committee which will have the opportunity to take on the Authorities' collective statutory responsibility to oversee and scrutinise the operation of the ICS at Cheshire and Merseyside Level.

- 4.2 The functions of the Joint Committee, to be known as the “Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee” are to be exercised with a view to supporting the effective planning, provision, and operation of health services at Cheshire and Merseyside level. This will include promoting transparency in how the ICS fulfils its responsibilities within Cheshire and Merseyside. The overarching role of the Joint Committee is to scrutinise the work of the ICS in the discharge of its statutory responsibilities and functions at Cheshire and Merseyside level in order to support their effective exercise and, where appropriate, to make reports or recommendations to the ICS.
- 4.3 It has been proposed that each of the nine local authorities affected would have 2 representatives. Based on 2021/22 political figures, Sefton would have had 2 Labour representatives on the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. At the time of drafting this report there are on-going discussions on political proportionality across the Cheshire and Merseyside local authorities and the requirements for the Sefton representatives will be confirmed in due course. It is recommended that to avoid delay in the appointment of Members to the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee authority be granted for the Leader of the Council to make the nominations, in accordance with political balance procedures, once the political proportionality across the Cheshire and Merseyside local authorities has been resolved.

5.0 Lydiate, Maghull, Aintree and Community Independents Group

- 5.1 The Lydiate, Maghull, Aintree and Community Independents Group are entitled to one place on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (where 3 or less local authorities request scrutiny of a substantial variation to a service).
- 5.2 However, notice has been received from the Lydiate, Maghull, Aintree and Community Independents Group that they do not wish to take up a place on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as referred to above.
- 5.3 Accordingly, there is a vacancy on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.4 The Cabinet is therefore requested to give consideration to allocating the vacant position to another Member of the authority.