

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	25 May 2023
Subject:	Appointments to Outside Bodies 2023/24		
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 for 2023/24 for periods of one year and longer as set out in the attached appendices.

The appendices show the proposed appointments for 2023/24 following the submission of nominations 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 2024 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; and
- (3) 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:

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: (including any Risk Implications)

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 of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None	
Legal Implications: Paragraph 40 of Chapter 5 in the Constitution gives the Cabinet delegated powers to make appointments to Outside Bodies, appropriate.	
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.	
Impact on Children and Young People: No	
Climate Emergency Implications: The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	No
Have a neutral impact	Yes
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes

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.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD..7221/23) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5421/23) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

None.

Implementation Date for the Decision

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

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Appendices:

Appendix1 Proposed appointments for 12-month period expiring in May 2024 (to follow)

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

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

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 2023/24 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 2024.
- 1.2 A small number of appointments are for a period of over one year. These are for charitable bodies, governing bodies, and NHS Foundation Trusts. 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 2023, 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 appropriate local Councillor(s) and political group(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 18 May 2023.
- 1.5 The following bodies have either been discontinued, integrated into other bodies or no longer hold meetings and consequently the Council is no longer required to make appointments to them:
- Committee in Common – Healthy Liverpool Programme
 - Liverpool City Region Child Poverty and Life Chances Commission
 - Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership Board
 - Merseyside Community Safety Partnership
 - Sefton Sports Council
- 1.6 The following bodies have been added to the appendices following appointments made to them by the Cabinet during 2022/23:
- Armed Forces Champion
 - Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership
 - Sefton Domestic Abuse Partnership Board

2. Local Government Association General Assembly

- 2.1 The Leader of the Council (Councillor Ian Maher) has attended meetings of the Local Government Association General Assembly during the past years, and it is proposed in Appendix 1 to this report that the Leader of the Council should continue to be the Council's representative for 2023/24 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 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 previously 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 was deemed appropriate to establish a standing joint health scrutiny committee in May 2022 with the role of taking on the Authorities' collective statutory responsibility to oversee and scrutinise the operation of the ICS at Cheshire and Merseyside Level.

- 4.2 The Joint Committee is made up of 18 members, comprising of two representatives from each of the nine local authorities of Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St. Helens, Sefton, Warrington and Wirral. The allocation of the elected member places on the Committee is reviewed annually and the membership reflects the political balance across the nine local authorities.
- 4.3 The representatives for Sefton Council in 2022/23 were Councillors Brodie-Browne (Liberal Democrat) and Lunn-Bates (Labour). The allocation of places on the Joint Committee for 2023/24 will be confirmed in due course by Knowsley Council in its role as the Lead Authority. It is recommended that to avoid delay in the appointment of Members to the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, that 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.