

<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	22 June 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Peterhouse School, Southport – Governance Committee and Mersey Port Health Committee – Appointment of Representatives to Fill Vacancies		
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cabinet Member – Children’s Social Care 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:**

The report seeks to appoint a representative to serve on the Peterhouse School, Southport – Governance Committee; and a member and a substitute member to serve on the Mersey Port Health Committee.

**Recommendation:**

That further to Minute No. 8 (2) of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 May 2023:

- (1) Councillor Laura Lunn-Bates be appointed as a representative to serve on the Peterhouse School, Southport – Governance Committee and that the term of office expires on 23 May 2024; and
- (2) Councillor Cluskey be appointed as a member to serve on the Mersey Port Health Committee and Councillor McKee be appointed as Councillor Cluskey’s substitute member; that Councillor Anne Thompson be appointed as the substitute member for Councillor John Kelly; and that the terms of office expire on 23 May 2024.

**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.

## (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>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"/>
<b>Impact on Children and Young People:</b>	
Peterhouse School is a non-maintained Specialist School for children and young people aged 5 to 19 who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition. The appointment of a representative on the Governance Committee will allow the Council to have an input and oversight into the operation of the school.	
<b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b>	
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

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

Protect the most vulnerable: The appointment of Council representatives will ensure that the interests of residents of Sefton are taken into account.

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 will ensure that the interests of residents of Sefton are taken into account

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

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD:7250/23) has been consulted and notes the report indicates no new direct financial implications for the Council.

The Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD:5450/23) has been consulted and comments have been incorporated into the report

The Labour Group on the Council has been consulted as to which elected Members they wish to appoint as representatives on the bodies referred to.

### **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

#### **1. Introduction/Background**

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 At its meeting held on 25 May 2023 the Cabinet considered a report seeking approval of the appointment of Council representatives to serve on Outside Bodies.

1.3 The Cabinet approved a wide range of appointments but also resolved (Minute No. 8 (2)) that:

“the Cabinet give further consideration to the appointment of a representative on the Peterhouse School, Southport - Governance Committee and the vacancy to be filled on the Mersey Port Health Committee at the meeting of the Cabinet to be held on 22 June 2023”.

1.4 Consultation has been undertaken with the Labour Group on the Council who are entitled to fill the vacancies referred to above.

1.5 The following nominations have now been received and it is recommended that such nominations be approved:

Peterhouse School, Southport -  
Governance Committee

Councillor Laura Lunn-Bates

Mersey Port Health Committee

member - Councillor Cluskey, substitute  
member Councillor McKee  
Councillor Anne Thompson to be the  
substitute member for Councillor John  
Kelly

1.6 At the meeting of the Cabinet held on 25 May 2023 Councillor Cluskey was appointed as the substitute member for Councillor John Kelly. The nomination of Councillor Cluskey as a member therefore leaves a vacancy for the position of substitute member for Councillor John Kelly. As referred to in paragraph 1.5 above, the Labour Group have nominated Councillor Anne Thompson to this position.