

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	2 November 2023
Subject:	Appointment to Liverpool Women's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors		
Report of:	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Health and Wellbeing		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

The report seeks to appoint an elected Member as a Governor on the Liverpool Women's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors, following the resignation of Councillor Thomas.

Recommendation:

That Councillor Nina Killen be appointed as the Sefton Council representative to the Liverpool Women's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors, with immediate effect, until 30 September 2026.

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: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None arising from this report.

(B) Capital Costs

None

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None
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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: Yes Liverpool Women's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is one of only two NHS Trusts in the UK dedicated to the healthcare of women, babies, and their families.	
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
There are no climate emergency implications arising from the report.	

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: The appointment of a Council representative 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.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.7391/23.) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5591/23) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Consultations have taken place with the Labour Group, in order to obtain a replacement appointment.

(B) External Consultations

Consultations have taken place with the Trust Secretary at the Trust, regarding the term of office for the replacement.

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:

There are no appendices to this report.

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 approved the appointment of Councillor Thomas to serve as a Governor on the Liverpool Women’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors. The term of office of the appointment was for the period 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2026.
- 1.3 Councillor Thomas has now resigned from this position. Accordingly, there is now a Governor vacancy that Sefton Council is entitled to fill.
- 1.4 Representations have been received from the Labour Group that Councillor Nina Killen be appointed to fill the vacancy; and the Cabinet is recommended to approve this request.