

<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Thursday 23 May 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Appointments to Outside Bodies 2024/25		
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cabinet Member - 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 for 2024/25 for periods of one year and longer, as set out in the attached appendices.

The appendices show the proposed appointments for 2024/25 following the submission of nominations by the Political Groups on the Council.

### Recommendation(s):

- (1) the proposed representation on the various Outside Bodies for a twelve-month period expiring in May 2025 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) the Cabinet give further consideration to the appointment of a representative to fill the vacancy on the Sefton New Directions Limited Board at a future meeting of the meeting of the Cabinet; 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(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. 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.

Appointments to the Outside Bodies concerned do not attract any special responsibility allowance.

**(B) Capital Costs**

None.

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b>	
None	
<b>Legal Implications:</b>	
Paragraph 40 of Chapter 5 in the Constitution gives the Cabinet delegated powers to make appointments to Outside Bodies, appropriate.	
<b>Equality Implications:</b>	
There are no equality implications.	
<b>Impact on Children and Young People:</b> Not directly	
The following Outside Bodies ensure that the health and wellbeing and/or education interests of children and young people are taken into account:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust - Council of Governors</li> <li>• Peterhouse School, Southport - Governance Committee</li> <li>• Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE)</li> </ul>	
<b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b>	
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 direct climate emergency implications arising from this report.	
The following Outside Bodies are concerned with matters which could be as a result climate emergency implications:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merseyside Flood &amp; Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Partnership Committee</li> <li>• Regional Flood and Coastal Committee</li> <li>• Merseyside Strategic Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Partnership</li> </ul>	

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

Protect the most vulnerable:  The appointment of Council representatives 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.7636/24) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD 5736/24) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Consultations have taken place with Political Groups on the Council, in accordance with political proportionality.

## **(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:**

- Appendix 1 Proposed appointments for 12-month period expiring in May 2025
- Appendix 2 Proposed appointments for a period of over one year

### **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 2024/25 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 2025.
- 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 expires in 2024, or where the representative is to change, 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 16 May 2024.

1.5 The following body has been added to the appendices. The body concerned has previously been in existence and has been added to the list of recognised Outside bodies for “completeness”.

- Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

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

2.1 The Leader of the Council has historically attended meetings of the Local Government Association General Assembly, 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 2024/25 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 The link to the Protocol can be accessed below:

[Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements in Cheshire and Merseyside.pdf \(sefton.gov.uk\)](https://sefton.gov.uk/protocol-for-the-establishment-of-joint-health-scrutiny-arrangements-in-cheshire-and-merseyside.pdf)

#### **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.