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**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of Meeting:** 24 May 2012

**Subject:** Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies 2012/13

**Report of:** Director of Corporate Commissioning

**Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** Yes

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?**  
Yes

**Exempt/Confidential**

No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

To consider the appointment of the Council's representatives to serve on the Outside Bodies as set out in the attached appendices for 2012/13 or for periods longer than one year. The appendices show those appointments made for 2011/12, together with amendments made during the year.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Cabinet is requested to:

1. appoint representatives to serve on the various Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 1 for a twelve month period expiring in May 2013;
2. appoint representatives to serve on the Outside Bodies highlighted in bold type in Appendix 2 for the term of office indicated in the Appendix; and
3. grant delegated power to the Leader of the Council to determine any representation on the Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 1 and 2 of this report which have not been determined under recommendation 1 and 2 above

### **How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?**

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

**Reasons for the Recommendation:**

The Council has delegated powers to appoint the Council’s representatives to serve on Outside Bodies.

**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 arising from this report.

**Implications:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal - None</b>	
<b>Human Resources - None</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"/>

**Impact 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 Chief Executive and Strategic/Service Directors have been consulted on the list of Outside Bodies.

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD1513/12) and Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD845) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**Are there any other options available for consideration?**

No.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

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

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**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 current representation for 2011/12 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 2013.
- 1.2 A small number of appointments are for a period of over one year. These are for charitable bodies and governing bodies. The current representation on these bodies is set out in **Appendix 2** to this report. The Cabinet is requested to appoint representatives whose term of office expires in 2012/13, or where there are vacancies, which are highlighted in bold type in the Appendix.
- 1.3 **A separate report relating to the appointment of representatives to the Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly for 2012/13 is included on the agenda for this Cabinet meeting.**

## 2. Appointments

- 2.1 A high number of the places on Outside Bodies are historically allocated to the most appropriate Cabinet Member (and Spokespersons) 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.
- 2.2 The Council's representation on the following bodies has **discontinued** for the reasons given:

Body	Reason
Liverpool City Region Economy Panel	This body has been made redundant following the establishment of the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership
Liverpool City Region Environment and Waste Board	This body has been dissolved following the production of the Joint Waste Development Plan Document

Liverpool City Region Housing and Spatial Board	This body has recently become an Officers group and elected members no longer need to attend.
Liverpool City Region Healthier Safer Communities Board	This body has become an officers group and its future operation is under consideration
New Heartlands Board	This body was disbanded in April 2011
North West Home Safety Committee	The structure and format of the Committee is being reviewed and no further appointments should be made to the body until further notice.
Merseyside Improvement and Efficiency Board	This body has become an Officers group following the establishment of the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership.
The Mersey Partnership Advisory Board	This body was disbanded on 16 March 2012 following the establishment of the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership
Merseytravel Advisory Panel (Sefton Division)	The Advisory Panel has been replaced by Customer Forums, to which the Public and Elected Members will have a general invitation to attend
Sefton Business Village Partnership	This body has been dissolved
Sefton Cultural Forum	This body no longer exists in a formal capacity.
Sefton Equalities Partnership	The Equalities Team has now been subsumed into the core business of the Sefton Council for Voluntary Service.

2.3 The **Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Board** was recently established and as a consequence, the Liverpool City Region Economy Panel and the The Mersey Partnership have ceased to operate, as indicated above.

2.4 The Liverpool City Region LEP will be a Partnership Board with responsibility for:

- Market stimulation and commissioning relevant economic activity. All delivery bodies will be expected to demonstrate clear outcomes, fitness for purpose and value for money
- Providing strategic direction for the Liverpool City Region economy and will fulfil a performance management role to drive key ambitions in areas such as employment and skills; business support; inward investment and international trade; marketing and tourism. Aligned to this is an overarching commitment to develop the status as a thriving European and international City Region

- Creating the right environment for business and growth and develop a mechanism through which the private sector influences the shape and future direction of Local Authority policy and services to deliver the growth agenda.

The Government has made it clear that LEP's will be expected to:

- provide strategic leadership for their areas and will be tasked with determining key investment priorities;
- co-ordinate Regional Growth Fund bids and leverage of funding from the private sector;
- provide leadership on the low carbon economy, support, knowledge economy, visitor economy, strategic housing delivery and creating the conditions for private sector growth, including leadership on planning and transport as part of an integrated approach to infrastructure delivery and
- To manage and set the forward strategy for locally targeted business support activity in the context of reduced funding

- 2.5 The LEP will be accountable to the Liverpool City Region Cabinet and its membership will comprise of the Leaders of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral Councils plus Private Sector nominees
- 2.6 Ex-Councillor Brady was the Council's previous representative on the **John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee** and it is considered that the Cabinet Member – Environmental (or his/her nominee) should be the new representative on that body as it considers noise and air pollution from flightpath changes.
- 2.7 The Cabinet is requested to appoint a representative(s) to the **LGA Urban Commission**. The Council currently has 2 representatives: Councillor Moncur (3 votes) and Ex-Councillor Mainey (2 votes) but the Cabinet could decide to appoint one member with 5 votes; or one member with 5 votes and one member with no votes; or one member with voting rights and one officer.
- 2.8 Ex-Councillor Brady was also the Council's previous representative on the **LGA Coastal Issues Special Interest Group** and it is considered that the Cabinet Member – Communities and Environment should be the new Council representative as the issues considered by that body fall within the functions of that Cabinet Portfolio. No voting rights are assigned to the LGA Coastal Issues Special Interest Group.
- 2.9 The constitutional status of the **Mersey Port Health Committee** is the subject of review at the present time and a report will be submitted to the Cabinet on this issue in due course. In the meantime, the Cabinet is requested to nominate representatives as set out in Appendix A. It is suggested that the Cabinet Member – Communities and Environment be one of the six Council representatives as the responsibilities of the Committee include animal feedstuff control and liabilities of European fines, infectious disease, rabies, hazardous import controls and joint working arrangements.

- 2.10 Members will be aware from the reports submitted to the Cabinet on 30 September 2010 and 16 February 2011 that Ex-Councillor Glover was appointed onto the North West Sea Fisheries Committee a number of years ago and because of his “expertise” in that area, he was appointed on the new **North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority** (NWIFCA) which was established on 1 April 2011 under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
- 2.11 The current term of office for Members of the NWIFCA is four years from 1 June 2011. The Cabinet will need to determine the Council’s new representative on the Authority in addition to the Head of Coast and Countryside. It is considered that the most appropriate member would be the Cabinet Member – Communities and Environment.