

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 19 June 2014

Subject: Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies 2014/15

Report of: Director of Corporate Services **Wards Affected:** All

Is this a Key Decision? Yes

Is it included in the Forward Plan? Yes

Exempt/Confidential No

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 2014/15 or for periods longer than one year. The appendices show the proposed appointments for 2014/15 following nominations submitted by the three Political Groups on the Council.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet is requested to:

1. approve the proposed representation on the various Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 1 for a twelve month period expiring in May 2015; and
2. approve the proposed representation on the Outside Bodies set out in Appendix 2 for the term of office indicated.

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

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
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 Cabinet has delegated powers set out in Chapter 5, Paragraph 41 of the Constitution 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

Implications:

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

Legal - None	
Human Resources - None	
Equality	
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 Service Directors have been consulted on the list of Outside Bodies.

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD2999) confirms that the annual cost of the subscriptions is met from existing revenue budgets.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD2303/14) have been consulted and have no comments on 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 proposed representation for 2014/15 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 2015.
- 1.2 A small number of appointments are for a period of over one year. These are for charitable bodies and governing bodies. The proposed 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 2014, or where there are vacancies, which are highlighted in bold type in the Appendix.
- 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 most appropriate Local Councillor(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 and the Sefton Borough Partnership Thematic and Area Partnerships for 2014/15 were agreed at the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting held on 3 June 2014.

2. New Appointments made during 2013/14

- 2.1 During the course of 2013/14, the Cabinet approved the Council's representation on the following NHS Foundation Trusts and the details are set out in Appendix 2 of the report:
- Aintree Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust - Council of Governors
 - Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust - Council of Governors
 - Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust - Shadow Council of Governors

3. Appointments Discontinued

- 3.1 The Council's representation on the following bodies has been discontinued during the last twelve months for the reasons given:

Body	Reason
Community Foundation for Merseyside	The Council is no longer required to appoint representatives on to this body
Liverpool City Region Local Transport Body	This body has been dissolved following the establishment of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
Local Government Association – Urban Commission	The Local Government Association General Assembly at its meeting on 23 January 2014 agreed to disband the Urban Commission, with effect from February 2014

Sefton Equalities Standing Group	This body became the Sefton Equalities Partnership following a review of its role in July 2013 and it was determined that no formal Elected Member representation was required
University of Liverpool Court	The University has received approval from the Privy Council for a revised statutory framework which makes no provision for a University Court. Therefore, the Council is no longer required to appoint representatives on to this body

4. Local Government Association General Assembly

- 4.1 Councillor Maher has attended meetings of the Local Government Association General Assembly during the 2012/13 and 2013/14 and it is proposed in Appendix A to this report that he should continue to be the Council's representative for 2014/15 and be authorised to use the allocated 5 votes on behalf of the Council. It should be noted that the Liberal Democrat Group have nominated Councillor Robertson to be the Council's representative for 2014/15.

5. Joint Health Scrutiny Committees

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 A joint committee will 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.

- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 At the present time, one Joint Health Scrutiny Committee currently exists, comprising of representatives of Knowsley and Sefton Councils, which was established to consider and comment on the proposals and consultations undertaken for changes to Vascular Services in the areas covered by the two Councils by such a date specified by the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Review Project Board (NHS Merseyside and NHS Cheshire).
- 5.7 The proposed representation on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Vascular Services) for 2014/15 is set out in Appendix A to this report, together with the proposed representation on any other Joint Health Scrutiny Committees which may be established during the forthcoming Council Year as referred to in paragraph 4.4 above.

6. Sefton Chamber of Commerce – Member Council

- 6.1 The Sefton Chamber of Commerce and Industry was wound up last year and absorbed into the Liverpool and Sefton Chamber of Commerce. The Chief Executive of the Liverpool & Sefton Chamber of Commerce has indicated that they are in the process of setting up a Member Council for the Sefton Chamber, which will be completed in time for their Annual General Meeting to be held in August and that they would like a representative from Sefton Council to be part of the Sefton Chamber Member Council and the proposed representation is set out in Appendix A to this report.