
Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	4 June 2015
Subject:	Appointments to Outside Bodies 2015/16	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Report of:	Director of Corporate Services		
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 2015/16 or for periods longer than one year. The appendices show the proposed appointments for 2015/16 following nominations submitted by the 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 2016; 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.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

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.

(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:

Financial		
Legal Paragraph 41 of Chapter 5 in the Constitution gives the Cabinet delegated powers to make appointments to Outside Bodies, appropriate.		
Human Resources		
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 of the Proposals 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 Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD.3544/15) has no comments to make on the report given that no financial implications arise from its contents.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD.2836/15.) have been consulted and has no comments on the report

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

- 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 2015/16 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 2016.
- 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 2015.
- 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 2015/16 were agreed at the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting held on 21 May 2015.

2. Appointments Discontinued

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

Body	Reason
Liverpool City Region Cabinet	This body has been dissolved following the establishment of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
Sefton Chamber of Commerce – Member Chamber	This body no longer exists.

3. Local Government Association General Assembly

- 3.1 Councillor Maher has attended meetings of the Local Government Association General Assembly during the last three years and it is proposed in Appendix A to this report that he should continue to be the Council's representative for 2015/16 and be authorised to use the allocated 5 votes on behalf of the Council.

4. Joint Health Scrutiny Committees

- 4.1 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.

- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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).
- 4.7 The proposed representation on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (Vascular Services) for 2015/16 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.

5. Officer Representation on Bodies

- 5.1 The Cabinet is requested to note that the Chief Executive represents the Council on the Southport Business Improvement District Board and at One Vision Housing Shareholders Meetings, as set out in Appendix 1.