

REPORT TO: CABINET
DATE: 20 MAY 2010
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
OUTSIDE BODIES 2010/11
WARDS AFFECTED: ALL
REPORT OF: ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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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 2010/11 or for periods longer than one year. The appendices show those appointments made for 2009/10, together with amendments made during the year.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

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

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 2011; and
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.

KEY DECISION: No
FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate
IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of this meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

There are no alternative options other than not to appoint representatives.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: Not appropriate

Financial: None arising from this report.

Legal: None arising from this report.

Risk Assessment: Not appropriate.

Asset Management: Not appropriate

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Service Directors have been consulted and any comments have been taken into account in preparing the schedule.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

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

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

None

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 2009/10 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 2011.
- 1.2 A separate report relating to the appointment of representatives to the Local Government Association General Assembly for 2010/11 is included on the agenda for this Cabinet meeting.
- 1.3 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 2010/11, or where there are vacancies, which are highlighted in bold type in the Appendix.
- 1.4 The annual appointments to the four Merseyside Joint Authorities and to the Strategic Board and Thematic Groups of the Southport Borough Partnership will be considered at the special Council Meeting on 13 May 2010.

2. Governance Review

- 2.1 One of the workstreams of the Governance Review relates to Outside Bodies. This workstream requires a complete review of Outside Body appointments and a decision on reporting back arrangements. Work is progressing to identify the legal status of each Organisation and whether each Organisation has a website, and if so, whether it can be linked to the Council's website.
- 2.2 It is envisaged that the workstream will be completed in the near future and a report will be submitted to the Cabinet Member - Performance and Governance for consideration. The details of the legal status, aims and objectives and frequency of the meetings for the various Organisations will then be submitted to the appropriate Cabinet Members with a view to a rationalisation of the number of appointments to be made to Outside Bodies for the 2011/12 Council Year.
- 2.3 During the course of the review, it has been ascertained that the Council no longer has representation on the following 14 bodies for the reasons stated:-

Body	Reason for discontinuance of membership
Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professions	No voting rights - Sefton representatives may only attend as observers
Environment Agency - Merseyside Liaison Group	The Liaison Group is no longer in existence

KGV College, Southport - Governing Body	The Council has no representation on the Governing Body
Lighthouse Project (Merseyside Drugs Council) - Southport Management Committee	The charity has closed down
Liverpool Bay Coastal Forum	The Forum is no longer in existence
Mersey Basin Campaign	The Mersey Basin Campaign terminated in March 2010
Merseyside Co-ordinating Committee	The Committee is no longer in existence
Mersey Estuary Forum	No formal representation required. This is an annual event open to all to attend
Merseyside Valuation Tribunal	The Merseyside Valuation Tribunal ceased to operate on 1 October 2009 and was replaced by an England-wide body. Local Authorities have no powers to make appointments to the new body
Museums Association	The Council has no representation on the Governing Council for the Association
North West Local Government Association	The Regional Branch of the LGA is no longer in existence
North West Regional Association of Education Authorities	The Regional Branch of the Association is no longer in existence
Sefton Educational Trust	The Charity has closed down
Southport College - Governing Body	The Council has no representation on the Governing Body

3. Recommendations:

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