

Report to Council

21 May 2024

Subject:	Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies
Director:	<p>James McLaughlin Assistant Chief Executive James_mclaughlin@sandwell.gov.uk</p> <p>Mike Jones Assistant Director – Legal & Assurance Mike_jones1@sandwell.gov.uk</p>
Contact Officer:	<p>Suky Suthi-Nagra Democratic & Member Services Manager suky_suthinagra@sandwell.gov.uk</p>

1 Recommendations







- 1.1 For the reasons set out in the report, is recommended that Full Council approve the appointments to outside/other bodies detailed in Appendix 1.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council is invited to appoint and nominate representatives to a wide range of bodies not directly associated with the Council. These other bodies include national, regional and local organisations. Appointment to the organisations listed are a matter for Council to determine.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		The involvement of Council appointed representatives in the decision-making process of other bodies, at local, regional and national levels, might encourage better understanding of local and wider needs and viewpoints and will help support the priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan.
		
		

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Council's continued involvement with outside bodies can help to support the Council's Vision and encourage better understanding of local needs and viewpoints. Appendix 1 sets out the proposed nominations to organisations.
- 4.2 In some cases, the Council is asked only for nominations for persons from whom a selection will be made later. Most of the appointments are for one year only, but where the appointments or nominations are for a longer period, that period is shown. The names of the previous representatives are given together with explanatory notes where appropriate.

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 Appointment of elected members to other/outside bodies can only be made by Full Council/the Executive.



6 Implications

Resources:	Attendance at meetings of other bodies qualifies as an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.
Legal and Governance/ Risk:	The current policy adopted by the Council is that members should not take up a post on another body without sufficient personal liability insurance being taken out by that body and, if necessary, an indemnity being granted by the Authority to cover potential claims against them.
Equality:	There are no equality implications arising from this report.
Health and Wellbeing:	There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.
Social Value	There are no implications arising directly from this report.
Climate Change	There are no implications arising directly from this report.
Corporate Parenting	There are no implications arising directly from this report.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – nominations to other/outside bodies.

8. Background Papers

None.

