

# Borough of Telford and Wrekin Cabinet

## 14 July 2022

# Representation on Outside Bodies 2022-2023

Cabinet Member: Cllr Rae Evans - Cabinet Member: Finance, Governance and

**Customer Services** 

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Wards Affected: Not applicable

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan: Not Applicable

Report considered by: None

## 1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

- 1.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:-
  - 1.1.1 Notes the outside bodies to which the Council historically has nominated to, as set out in **Appendix** 1 of this report; and
  - 1.1.2 Delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member: Finance, Governance and Customer Services to consider which bodies to nominate to and which Councillor is nominated.

## 2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Cabinet for the delegation of authority to approve nominations to Outside Bodies as set out in **Appendix 1** attached.

#### 3.0 Background

3.1 The nominations to represent the Council on Outside Bodies dealt with in this report are those which are appointed on an annual basis. There are a number of organisations

which are independent from the Council, but have an impact on its service areas. In order that the Council can maintain effective partnerships with a number of these organisations, the Council nominates representatives to sit on the various committees and forums that are responsible for them. These representatives are usually elected councillors.

- 3.2 A review of outside bodies has been carried out to assess the needs of the Council and partner organisations in terms of representation and representatives. Partners have been engaged by email and phone to ascertain their needs and review representative attendance in the past year to ensure that we are meeting those needs as an organisation. The reviewed list of outside bodies for which appointments are required is shown at Appendix A.
- 3.3 Members are reminded that only the named representative or holder of the nominated Cabinet position should attend meetings of Outside Bodies.
- 3.4 Cabinet is asked to authorise the Monitoring Officer to make changes to appointments in consultation with the Cabinet Member: Finance, Governance and Customer Services. This delegation avoids the necessity to refer each nomination to Cabinet.

## 4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 To delegate authority to review outside bodies nominated to and the authority to appoint Council representatives to outside bodies where required.

## 5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 None.

#### 6.0 Key Risks

6.1 None identified.

#### 7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 Bodies variously relate to one or more of the Council's five priorities with all five areas represented across the bodies nominated to.

#### 8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 Not applicable.

## 9.0 Legal and HR Implications

- 9.1 Appointments to sit on outside bodies are made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government Act 2000.
- 92. Representatives appointed to serve on an outside body may be expected to act as a trustee and their conduct may be regulated by the Trustee Act 1925 / 2000, if applicable and relevant Charity Law. Appointed representatives will therefore need to consider

whether their appointment(s) could lead to a conflict of interest with their membership of the Council and its committees; and, whether to update their information on the Council's Register of Interests.

## 10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 There are no specific ward implications.

## 11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 None anticipated.

## 12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 There are no identified equality or diversity implications for this report.

## 13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 Not applicable.

## 14.0 Background Papers

None.

## 15.0 Appendices

A Review of Outside Bodies 2022-2023

## 16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	29.06.22	30.06.22	RP