



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Cabinet

Thursday 19 June 2025

Representation on Outside Bodies 2025/26

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	SMT – 13 May 2025 Business Briefing – 22 May 2025 Cabinet – 19 June 2025

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that Cabinet:-

- 1.1 Notes the outside bodies to which the Council historically has nominated to, as set out in Appendix A of this report; and
- 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 which require appointments annually as set out in Appendix A 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.
- 3.5 The Shropshire Pension Fund first meets on 20 June 2025 and therefore the nominations for this body are required before nominations for other bodies. In line with this requirement, the relevant Group Leaders have specifically been contacted in relation to this body and the following nominations have been proposed: Cllrs P Davis and Z Hannington with Councillors F Doran and S J Reynolds as substitutes.
- 3.6 Similarly, as nominations for the LGA General Assembly are required by 6 June 2025, relevant Group Leaders have been contacted in relation to this body and the following nominations have been proposed: Cllrs L Carter, C Healy, K Middleton and P Watling.

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 Cabinet could decide not to nominate Councillors to sit on outside bodies, however there is a statutory requirement for the Council to nominate to some of the bodies.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 None.

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. As a result the appointment to outside bodies helps the Council meet its five priorities, which are:

- Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community;
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy;
- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live;
- Our natural environment is protected and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency; and
- A community-focussed, innovative Council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 Representation on Outside Bodies falls within the Member remuneration scheme which recognises the time commitment and incidental expenses incurred when carrying out the role. The Member remuneration scheme is funded from within existing budgets.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 The Council has the power to appoint Members (or officers) to represent the Council on outside bodies if it is anticipated that having a council appointee on the body is "conducive or incidental to, or calculated to facilitate" the discharge of the authority's functions.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 There are no specific ward implications.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 There are no Health, Social and Economic implications arising from this report.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report.

13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental implications arising from this report.

14.0 Background Papers

None.

15.0 Appendices

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16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	16/05/2025	16/05/2025	RP
Finance	16/05/2025	09/06/2025	ER