

Cabinet Report



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ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY GROUPS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

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Wards affected	All wards

Executive summary

The Cabinet appoints representatives to a number of strategic partnerships, internal advisory groups and other organisations which are independent from the council. In order that the council can maintain effective partnerships with these organisations, representatives (usually elected councillors), sit on the various boards, committees and forums that are responsible for them.

The Cabinet will make appointments for the 2023/24 council year.

1. Proposed Decision/s

- 1.1 That appointments to the various outside organisations, advisory groups and strategic partnerships for 2023/24, as set out in Annex A, be agreed.
- 1.2 That authority be delegated to the Director Law and Governance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree appointments to any vacancies that remain, or arise during the 2023/24 council year.

2. Why is the decision needed?

- 2.1 Each year the Cabinet appoints persons both to internal advisory groups and to various Outside Organisations on which it is represented.
- 2.2 The Cabinet appoints representatives to a number of organisations for a number of reasons which include:
- a) strategic partnerships;
 - b) community leadership;
 - c) the organisation in question receives funding from the Council;
 - d) at the request of the organisation in question;
 - e) a statutory requirement; and
 - f) the terms of governance for the organisation in question.
- 2.3 The Cabinet determines appointments mainly to strategic bodies and its advisory groups, while other appointments are the responsibility of the Council and dealt with by the Director Law and Governance under a delegation agreed by the Council.

3. Implications of the decision

Financial	Y	Human rights, equalities, diversity	N
Legal	Y	Policies or Council Plan	Y
Communication	N	Procurement	N
Energy Efficiency	N	Workforce	N

3.1 Financial implications

The Council pays subscriptions or membership fees from its existing corporate budget to some of the outside organisations, including the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU).

3.2 Legal implications

The constitution of some bodies is contained in legislation or in legal agreements.

3.3 Other implications

The strategic bodies and partnerships assist the Council in meeting its own policies and priorities.

4. Alternatives

If the Cabinet is minded not to make an appointment to any of the organisations, advisory groups, or strategic partnerships, the Cabinet could request that a review be undertaken to consider whether the needs of the Council are being met by the Council's continuing representation. However, many of the bodies will have meetings planned in the near future, so it is recommended that appointments be made now, and subsequently reviewed if necessary.

5. Timetable for implementation

Immediate.

List of annexes

Cabinet Appointments and Advisory Groups 2023/24 (**Annex A**)

List of background papers

None