

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies

1. Summary Statement

- 1.1 The Council is approached, from time to time, to nominate a representative to serve as the Council's representative on various other bodies, not directly associated with the Council.
- 1.2 The Council is asked to give consideration to the appointment of a representative to the Mackmillan Education Foundation and Rowley Regis Consolidated Charities.

Further details are attached for your information.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That consideration be given to the nomination of a representative to the Mackmillan Educational Foundation for the period ending 2019.
- 2.2 That consideration be given to the nomination of a representative to the Rowley Regis Consolidated Charities for the period ending 2019.

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3. Strategic Resource Implications

- 3.1 Attendance at meetings of other bodies qualifies as an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.

- 3.2 The Corporate Risk Management Strategy (CRMS) has been complied with – to identify and assess the significant risks associated with this decision. This includes (but is not limited to) political, legislation, financial, environmental and reputation risks.
- 3.3 Based on the information provided, it is the officers' opinion that for the significant risks that have been identified, arrangements are in place to manage and mitigate these effectively.
- 3.4 This assessment has identified there are no current “red” risks that need to be reported.

4. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 If insurance is not available then the take up of the appointment to the organisation is at the Councillor's own risk.

5. Implications for the Council's Scorecard Priorities

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 Council's Scorecard.

6. Background Details

Mackmillan Educational Foundation

The Mackmillan Educational Foundation promotes the education of persons under 25 years old from the Rowley Regis area of Sandwell through financial assistance to individuals.

Appointments are for a period of four years and may be, but need not be, a Councillor. The Council's other representatives on the Foundation are Councillor Webb and Mr Hamblett (expiring 2016), Councillors Eaves and Shackleton (expiring 2017) and Councillors Carmichael and B Price (expiring 2019). The Council is now asked to appoint one additional representative.

Rowley Regis Consolidated Charities

The Rowley Regis Consolidated Charities aims to relieve hardship generally and for individuals in the wards of Blackheath, Cradley Heath and Old Hill, Rowley Regis and Tividale.

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