

## **Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**

**24 May 2016**

### **Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies**

#### **1. Summary Statement**

- 1.1 The Council is requested to reaffirm the appointment of members to a wide range of bodies not directly associated with the Council until the extraordinary meeting of the Council on 14 June 2016. The exception is the statutory bodies listed below.

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority  
West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority  
Transport Delivery Committee of the Integrated Transport Authority

- 1.2 The Council's continued involvement with these bodies can help to support the Council's scorecard priorities and encourage better understanding of local needs and viewpoints.

Further details are attached for your information.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 To reaffirm the appointment of members to the other bodies in the attached lists until the extraordinary meeting of the Council on 14 June 2016, with the exception of the following bodies:-

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority – Councillors Edwards (Lead Member), Allcock and Tranter;

West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority - Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council;

Transport Delivery Committee of the Integrated Transport Authority – Councillors R Horton (Lead Member) and Eaves.

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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.

**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**

- 5.1 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**

- 6.1 The attached lists set out the organisations to which appointments need to be made for 2016/2017.
- 6.2 In some cases, the Council are 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.