

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

19 July 2016

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, Corporate Parenting Board and West Midlands Regional Scrutiny Network.

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 2020.
- 2.2 That consideration be given to the nomination of a representative to the Corporate Parenting Board for the period ending 2017.
- 2.3 That consideration be given to the nomination of a representative to the West Midlands Regional Scrutiny Network for the period ending 2017.

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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

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 Councillors Eaves and Shackleton (expiring 2017), Councillors Carmichael, B Price and Mr Webb (expiring 2019) and Councillor Webb (expiring 2020). The Council is now asked to appoint one additional representative.

Corporate Parenting Board

The purpose of the Corporate Parenting Board is to ensure that the Council effectively discharges its role as Corporate Parent for all the children and young people in its care.

The Board is made up of five elected members of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC), including the Lead member for Children's Services, and may be supported by other partner agencies from time to time. The Council's other representatives on the Board are: the Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Chair), Councillors L Horton, Shackleton and Webb.

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West Midlands Regional Scrutiny Network

The West Midlands Regional Scrutiny Network provides a forum for overview and scrutiny members and officers to consider, discuss and exchange views and information on national and regional issues affecting local authorities in the West Midlands region and to voice those views as appropriate.

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