

**Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**

**17 January 2017**

**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 At the meeting of Council on 19 July 2016, the Leader was authorised to nominate two members to Sandwell Leisure Trust and the Council is asked to note the nomination.
- 1.3 A request has been received for the membership of Corporate Parenting Board to increase from five members to six. If approved, the Terms of Reference will be revised to reflect the membership and an additional member nominated to the Board.

Further details are attached for your information

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the nominations to the Sandwell Leisure Trust for the period ending 2017 be noted.
- 2.2 That Councillor Phillips be nominated to the Corporate Parenting Board for the period ending 2017 and that the Terms of Reference for the Board membership be increased to six elected members.

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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, 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**

#### **6.1 Sandwell Leisure Trust**

Two members are nominated to the Sandwell Leisure Trust. The company was established to provide or assist in the provision of facilities and services for recreational, sporting or other leisure time occupation. The Board includes two individuals nominated by the local authority.

The previous members nominated to the Board submitted their resignation in July 2016.

At the Council meeting on 19 July 2016, the Leader was authorised to appoint two representatives.

## **6.2 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 currently 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 Hartwell, P M Hughes, Shackleton and Webb. Approval is sought to increase the membership to six elected members.