

## **Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**

**18 July 2017**

### **Appointment to Committees, Panels and Boards/ Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies**

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

##### **Appointment to Committees, Panels and Boards**

- 1.1 At Cabinet on 14 June 2017, the Leader announced that Councillor Costigan would assume the role of Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection with effect from 19 June 2017. It has therefore become necessary to make changes to the appointments approved at the Annual Meeting of Council on 16 May 2017 in respect of the Town Chair for Wednesbury and Vice Chair of Planning Committee (and any positions which become vacant as a result of filling these positions).

##### **Appointment to Other Bodies**

- 1.2 With regard to West Midlands Combined Authority Board, the Council nominated two members to the Board and two substitute members. It is now proposed to replace one of the substitute members (Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection) with Councillor Khatun.

Further details are attached for your information.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That nominations to the positions of Town Chair for Wednesbury and Vice Chair of Planning Committee, and any positions which become vacant as a result of filling these positions, be considered.
- 2.2 That the nomination of Councillor Khatun as substitute member on West Midlands Combined Authority Board (replacing Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection) be approved.

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### **3. Strategic Resource Implications**

- 3.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from the approval of the decision-making structures for 2017/2018 or the appointment of members to positions within the structure. Any costs associated with the Members' Allowances Scheme will be met from within allocated resources.
- 3.2 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 Constitution prescribes the issues that the Council should address at its Annual Meeting in terms of the identification of the person(s) or bodies it wishes to carry out its functions as a local authority and the portfolios and terms of reference for those persons and bodies. As a result of changes in the Executive, it has become necessary to make changes to some appointments made at the Annual Meeting.
- 4.2 With regard to outside bodies, 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.
- 4.3 If insurance is not available then the take up of the appointment to the organisation is at the Councillor's own risk.

### **5 Background Details**

- 5.1 At the Annual Meeting of Council held on 16 May 2017, in addition to the meeting referred to at 1.2 above, the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection was nominated to the following bodies:-

Midlands Joint Advisory Council for Clean Air and Noise Control  
Midlands Joint Advisory Council for Environmental Protection  
West Midlands Police and Crime Panel  
Contest Board  
Safer Sandwell Partnership

These nominations will be carried over to the current Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection.