











Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Subject:	Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council consider and receive nominations to all outstanding appointments, (including any changes to existing appointments) to outside/other bodies detailed in Appendix A.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Council is invited to appoint and nominate representatives to a wide range of bodies not directly associated with the Council. These other bodies include national, regional and local organisations.
- 1.2 The Council's continued involvement with these bodies can help to support the Council's Vision and encourage better understanding of local needs and viewpoints.
- 1.3 On 21st May 2019, the Council, at its Annual Meeting, made a number of appointments to other bodies, however, approval is now sought to appoint to any vacant positions on those bodies as set out in the Appendix.

- 1.4 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.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 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 Vision.

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 GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 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.

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