

Report to Council

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Subject:	Appointment to Vacancies on Committees/Boards and Other Bodies
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Council considers and receives nominations for vacancies on committees, boards and other fora established by the Council.
- 1.2 That Council considers and receives nominations for vacancies on outside/other bodies.
- 1.3 That subject to 1.1 and 1.2 above, the nominations received be approved and appointed to those vacant bodies with immediate effect.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 At its meeting on 22 April 2020, the Emergency Committee acknowledged and confirmed that the Council’s constitutional arrangements relating to meetings and the conduct of Council business shall be subject to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”).



The Regulations have now removed the requirement to hold an Annual Meeting of the Council and therefore, subject to the calling of an annual meeting, the existing appointments to committees and other boards will continue for the 2020-2021 municipal year.

2.2 Nominations to appoint to vacant positions on committees/boards/other bodies will be reported to the meeting.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	The Council's decision-making structures are designed to support the delivery of Sandwell's Vision 2030.
	
	
	
	
	

4 Context and Key Issues

4.1 The Council's Constitution sets out the executive, scrutiny and constitutional functions and the rules and procedures for how the Council operates, it also prescribes the issues that the Council should address at its Annual Meeting in identifying 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.



5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 Appointment of elected members to committees and other/outside bodies can only be made by full Council.

6 Implications

Resources:	Members may be appointed to vacant positions where a special responsibility allowance is payable. This will be met from within existing resources.
Legal and Governance:	Council can determine the making of non-executive appointments to committees and other fora. Council is under a legal and constitutional obligation to make appointments to its committees, boards and other fora to ensure the effective operation of the Council's functions and other obligations, duties and responsibilities.
Risk:	A risk assessment is not required.
Equality:	An equality impact assessment is not required.
Health and Wellbeing:	The proposals have no direct impact on health and wellbeing of our communities.
Social Value	The proposals have no direct implications. The Council's decision-making structures are designed to support the delivery of Sandwell's Vision 2030.

7. Appendices

None.

8. Background Papers

None.

