

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 To receive and consider nominations for vacancies on committees, boards and other fora established by the Council, as set out in Appendix A.
- 1.2 To receive and consider nominations for vacancies on outside/other bodies, as set out in Appendix B.
- 1.3 To approve the appointment of the co-opted representatives to the Children’s Services and Education Scrutiny Board, as set out in Appendix A.
- 1.4 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 To consider nominations to vacant positions on committees/boards/other bodies.
- 2.2 To approve the appointment of co-opted representatives to the Children’s Services and Education Scrutiny Board.



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.

Co-opted Representation on Committees dealing with Educational Matters

4.2 Guidance in relation to the implementation of the Local Government Act 2000 and Localism Act 2011 advises that Church and Parent Governor representatives must be appointed to the relevant overview and scrutiny committee(s) where education matters are being discussed.

The Council's Constitution therefore provides that the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:-

- (a) 1 Church of England diocese representative;
- (b) 1 Roman Catholic Archdiocese representative;
- (c) 2 Parent Governor representatives.



If the scrutiny board deals with matters other than education functions that are the responsibility of the executive, these representatives shall not vote on those matters, although they may stay in the meeting and speak.

- 4.3 In view of the limitation on voting rights and as more schools have moved away from local authority control, which has resulted in difficulties in making appointments because of the diminished benefits for certain of the interest groups and the diminished input in to the work of scrutiny, it is not considered necessary to have a wider range of co-opted members than is required by law.

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 There is no alternative option. Appointment of elected members to committees and other/outside bodies can only be made by full Council.

6 Implications

Resources:	There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.
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 implications. The remit of several roles would contribute to the 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. The remit of several roles would contribute to enhancing social value.



7. Appendices

Appendix A – Appointment to Committees/Boards.
Appendix B – Nominations to Other Bodies.

8. Background Papers

None.

