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Adults and Health Committee

24 June 2024

Appointments to Sub-Committees, Working Groups, Panels, Boards and Joint Committees

Report of: David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance

Report Reference No: AH/09/2024-25

Ward(s) Affected: No specific wards

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report seeks approval from the Adults and Health Committee to nominate members to the bodies referred to in the report.
- 2 This report contributes to the Council's objective of being an open and enabling organisation - Ensuring that there is transparency in all aspects of council decision making.

Executive Summary

- 3 The Council, at its annual meeting on 15 May 2024 approved its main committees. The appointment of certain sub-committees, working groups, panels and boards is a matter for the relevant service committees. This report concerns those bodies which fall to be appointed by the Adults and Health Committee or by the committee in conjunction with other service committees.
- 4 Appointments to Outside Organisations (such as the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board, Safeguarding Adults Board and Mental Health Partnership Board) are made by the Corporate Policy Committee and will next be reviewed in May 2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Adults and Health Committee is recommended to:

1. Nominate 1 elected member to each of the following;
 - a. Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board
 - b. Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board
2. Nominate 3 elected members to the following;
 - a. Safer Cheshire East Partnership
3. Nominate 2 elected members to the following;
 - a. Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership

Background

Bodies which report to the Adults and Health Committee

- 5 Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board
- 6 Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board is a joint board to which this Council appoints three councillors as voting members. The lead service committee in respect of this board is the Adults and Health Committee; and the three Council nominees to the board will usually be formally nominated by the Adults and Health Committee, the Corporate Policy Committee, and the Children and Families Committee. There are no specific criteria which apply to the appointments.
- 7 The Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix 1 to this report for information.
- 8 *It is proposed that the Adults and Health Committee agree to the nomination of 1 elected Member to the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board and that the nominee be notified to the Head of Democratic Services and Governance.*
- 9 Previous Appointment

- 10 Councillor J Rhodes
- 11 Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board
- 12 The Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board is a joint board of Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester Councils, the governance arrangements for which were established in 2009.
- 13 It is responsible for providing strategic guidance, making strategic decisions, and reviewing performance in relation to extra care housing provision, except where matters are reserved to the respective authorities.
- 14 The Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board comprises three elected members from each authority. The Corporate Policy Committee, Adults and Health Committee and Finance Sub-Committee are each required to appoint one member to the Board. There are no specific criteria which apply to the appointments.
- 15 The Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix 2 to this report for information.
- 16 *It is proposed that the Adults and Health Committee agree to the nomination of 1 elected Member to the Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board.*
- 17 Previous Appointment
- 18 Councillor A Moran
- 19 Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP)
- 20 The Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP) is a statutory partnership under The Crime & Disorder Act 1998. It brings together the following responsible authorities who must work together to understand and address community safety issues in their area:
- Cheshire East Council
 - Cheshire Police
 - Clinical Commissioning Group / BIC
 - Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service
 - National Probation Service
- 21 There are no specific criteria which apply to the appointments.

- 22 The Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix 3 to this report for information.
- 23 *It is proposed that the Adults and Health Committee agree to the nomination of 3 elected Members to the Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP).*
- 24 Previous Appointments
- 25 Councillor M Edwards, Councillor A Moran and Councillor J Pratt.
- 26 Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership
- 27 The Government's drugs strategy, *From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives*, relies on co-ordinated action across a range of local partners including enforcement, treatment, recovery and prevention. The ten-year drug strategy requires a partnership approach to delivering the following strategic priorities:
- Break drug supply chains.
 - Deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system.
 - Achieve a shift in demand for drugs.
- 28 Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnerships provide a single setting for understanding and addressing shared challenges related to drug-related harm, based on the local context and need. These partnerships have a named Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) who reports to central government and hold delivery partners to account.
- 29 There are no specific criteria which apply to the appointments.
- 30 The current appointments are Councillor S Corcoran as Chair of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board and Councillor J Rhodes as Chair of the Adults and Health Committee.
- 31 The Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix 4 to this report for information.
- 32 *It is proposed that the Adults and Health Committee agree to the nomination of 2 elected Members to the Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership.*

Consultation and Engagement

- 33 There has been consultation with Group Leaders and Administrators in relation to the political representation of committees.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 34 In accordance with the Constitution, the Adults and Health Committee is responsible for the appointment of those bodies referred to in this report.

Other Options Considered

| Option | Impact | Risk |
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| Do nothing | The Council's Constitution requires these committees to be appointed in line with the legislation referenced in this report. Not appointing to these bodies would negatively affect the Council's ability to make decisions in an open and transparent manner. | Failure to comply with the Council's Constitution and the legislation referenced in this report could leave the Council open to legal challenge. |

Implications and Comments

Monitoring Officer/Legal

- 35 The Committee also has historically been asked to nominate members to each of the bodies within the report, particularly where they fall within the remit of the Committee.
- 36 The terms of reference for each body state the membership requirements.

Section 151 Officer/Finance

- 37 There are no financial implications that require an amendment to the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

Policy

- 38 There are no direct policy implications.

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| <p>An open and enabling organisation</p> <p>Ensure that there is transparency in all aspects of council decision making</p> |
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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

39 There are no direct equality, diversity and inclusion implications.

Human Resources

40 There are no direct human resources implications.

Risk Management

41 Failure to comply with the Act and Regulations when appointing its committee memberships would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

Rural Communities

42 There are no direct implications for rural communities.

Children and Young People including Cared for Children, care leavers and Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

43 There are no direct implications for children and young people.

Public Health

44 There are no direct implications for public health.

Climate Change

45 There are no direct implications for climate change.

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| Access to Information | |
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| Appendices: | Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference Cheshire East |

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| | <p>Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Terms of Reference Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP)</p> <p>Appendix 4 - Terms of Reference Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnerships</p> |
| Background Papers: | None. |