

CHESHIRE EAST

CABINET

Date of meeting:	14 March 2011
Report of:	Democratic Services Manager
Portfolio Holder:	Children and Family Services
Title:	Connexions

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report invites Cabinet to appoint members to the Board of Connexions.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Cabinet is invited to appoint two Members to Connexions, with immediate effect.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 It is important for the Council to appoint to outside organisations to ensure that they continue to represent the interests of both the Authority and the wider community.
- 3.2 This is an urgent item of business. At this important time there is a need for the Council to ensure that it has a full complement of representatives in respect of the organisation and in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the matter should be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

4.0 Wards Affected

Not appropriate.

5.0 Local Ward Members

Not appropriate.

6.0 Policy Implications

None identified

7.0 Financial Implications

None identified

8.0 Legal Implications

Whilst membership of outside bodies carries with it the potential for personal liability for elected Members undertaking such roles as ancillary to their status as a councillor, particularly in respect of trusteeships, Cheshire East Borough Council has already resolved to put in place for elected Members the maximum indemnity which is allowed by law.

9.0 Risk Management

No risks identified.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 Connexions Cheshire & Warrington is an advice, guidance and support service provided for 13-19 year olds, to help them prepare for their future. Specially trained Personal Advisers provide a one-stop service to help young people with life choices - from careers, further education, and training, to health and life issues.
- 10.2 The Council, via Cabinet, appointed Councillors A Thwaite, D Beckford and A Arnold as its three representatives, all of whom have director status.
- 10.3 At this important time there is a need for the Council to ensure that it has a full complement of representatives in respect of the organisation.
- 10.4 Councillor Thwaite attends meetings on a regular basis and is willing to continue.
- 10.5 Cabinet is invited to appoint two Members to represent the Council on the Board of Connexions; one to fill the vacancy caused by Councillor Arnold's recent resignation and the other to replace the other existing appointee, Cllr Beckford.

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

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