

Adults and Health Committee

Date of Meeting:	13 July 2021
Report Title:	Appointments to Sub-Committees, Working Groups, Panels, Boards and Joint Committees
Report of:	David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance
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Ward(s) Affected:	No specific wards

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1.** The Council at its annual meeting on 4 May 2021 approved the political representation on 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. Where political proportionality is applicable, the agreed conventions and methods of calculation have been applied.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1.** That the committee appoints the bodies referred to in this report, and agrees the political representation on, and appointments to, them.

3. Background

B. Bodies to which the Adults and Health Committee is required to make appointments

1. Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board

Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board is a joint board to which this Council appoints three councillors as voting members.

The agreed “Transitional Provisions” provide that the lead service committee in respect of this board will be the Adults and Health

Committee; and the three council nominees to the board will 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 appointment.

Recommended: That the Adults and Health Committee nominates one member to the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board

The Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board previously comprised three Portfolio Holders from each authority.

The Transitional Provisions provide that nominations for Cheshire East Council will be made by the Chairs of the Corporate Policy Committee, Adults and Health Committee and Finance Sub-Committee.

Recommended: That the Chair of the Adults and Health Committee nominates one member to the Joint Extra Care Housing Management Board.

4. Implications of the Recommendations

4.1. Legal Implications

- 4.1.1. The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, made pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, make provisions in respect of the political group representation on a local authority's committees in relation to the overall political composition of the Council. The legislation applies to the decision-making committees and sub-committees of the Council.
- 4.1.2. The legislation requires that, where proportionality applies, and seats are allocated to different political groups, the authority must abide by the following principles, so far as is reasonably practicable:
 - 4.1.2.1. Not all of the seats can be allocated to the same political Group (i.e. there are no single group committees).
 - 4.1.2.2. The majority of the seats on the body are to be allocated to a political Group with a majority membership of the authority.
 - 4.1.2.3. The total number of seats on all ordinary committees and sub committees allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the full Council.
 - 4.1.2.4. The number of seats on each ordinary committee allocated to each Political Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on full Council.

4.1.3 The proposals contained in this report meet the requirements of the legislation.

4.1.4 The 1990 Regulations require Political Group Leaders to notify the Proper Officer of the Groups' nominations to the bodies in question.

4.2. Finance Implications

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

4.3. Policy Implications

4.3.1. There are no direct implications for policy.

4.4. Equality Implications

4.4.1. There are no direct implications for equality.

4.5. Human Resources Implications

4.5.1. There are no direct human resource implications.

4.6. Risk Management Implications

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

4.7. Rural Communities Implications

4.7.1. There are no direct implications for rural communities.

4.8. Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

4.8.1. There are no direct implications for children and young people/Cared for Children.

4.9. Public Health Implications

4.9.1. There are no direct implications for public health.

4.10 Climate Change Implications

4.10.1. There are no direct climate change implications.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	None

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