

## **Children and Families Committee**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 July 2021
<b>Report Title:</b>	Appointments to Sub-Committees, Working Groups, Panels, Boards and Joint Committees
<b>Report of:</b>	Ged Rowney, Interim Director of Children's Services
<b>Report Reference No:</b>	CF/31/21
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	No specific wards

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### **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 subcommittees, 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 Children and Families 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; agrees the political representation on such bodies; appoints members to them; and makes other appointments as indicated in this report.

### **3. Background**

#### **A. Bodies which report to the Children and Families Committee**

##### **1. Corporate Parenting Committee**

The Constitution provides that the lead service committee in respect of the

Corporate Parenting Committee will be the Children and Families Committee. The Corporate Parenting Committee will meet on a bi-monthly basis, report to the Children and Families Committee on at least an annual basis, and review its terms of references annually.

The membership (12 members) of the Corporate Parenting Committee is required to be formally ratified by the Children and Families Committee.

Recommendation: That the Children and Families Committee appoints members to the Corporate Parenting Committee as follows: Con:5; Lab:4; Ind:3; Lib Dem:0; R. Ind:0; NGI:0

## **2. Local Authority School Governor Appointments Sub-Committee**

The agreed Transitional Arrangements provide that the Local Authority School Governor Appointments Panel will be a sub-committee of the Children and Families Committee.

The terms of reference of the Sub-Committee will be to make arrangements for the nomination of school governors (please see Appendix 1 for the terms of reference).

The membership (5 members) of the Sub-Committee is required to be formally ratified by the Children and Families Committee.

Recommendation: That the Children and Families Committee appoints the Local Authority School Governor Appointments Sub-Committee with a membership of 5; the proportionalities being as follows: Con:2; Lab:2; Ind:1; Lib Dem:0; R. Ind:0; NGI:0.

## **B. Other Bodies to which the Corporate Policy Committee is required to make appointments**

### **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 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 Children and Families Committee nominates one member to the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing 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.

<b>Access to Information</b>	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1: Terms of Reference for the Local Authority School Governor Nominations Panel
Background Papers:	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

## Appendix 1

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Local Authority School Governor Nominations Panel**

##### **Membership: 5 Members**

1. To consider and determine the selection of Authority Governors to educational establishments, where governors are nominated by Cheshire East Council, including maintained schools and academies (as determined by their Articles of Association) in order that appointments can be made in accordance with agreed criteria.
2. To monitor vacancy rates of the Authority Governors based on information provided by the Governance and Liaison Service, with a view to ensuring that vacancies are filled within one school term.
3. To note the nomination and appointment of additional governors and any urgent appointment to schools in the Cheshire East Vulnerable Schools Programme
4. To consider, and where appropriate, agree, terminating appointments of Authority Governors where the governor has clearly breached confidentiality or brought the school or the Local Authority into disrepute, or otherwise failed to fulfil the role according to the code of conduct. This is in addition to situations where governors are automatically disqualified under Schedule 4 of the School Governance (Constitution)(England) Regulations 2012.