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Adults and Health Committee

20 November 2023

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

Report of: Brian Reed, Head of Democratic Services and Governance

Report Reference No: AH/27/2023-24

Ward(s) Affected: No specific wards

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report seeks approval from the Adults and Health Committee to appoint 3 elected Members to the Safer Cheshire East Partnership Board (SCEP) and to agree the draft Terms of Reference.

Executive Summary

- 2 The Council, at its annual meeting on 24 May 2023 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Adults and Health Committee is recommended to:

1. Appoint 3 elected Members to the Safer Cheshire East Partnership Board (SCEP).

2. Agree the draft Terms of Reference (appendix 1).
3. Agree that the names of the Members appointed will be submitted to the Head of Democratic Services and Governance.

Background

3 Safer Cheshire East Partnership Board

4 The Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP) is a statutory partnership under The Crime & Disorder Act 1998. It brings together the following responsible authorities which 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

5 The draft Terms of Reference for the Safer Cheshire East Partnership Board are set out at Appendix 1.

It is proposed that the Adults and Health Committee agree the appointment of 3 elected Members to the Safer Cheshire East Partnership Board, and that the nominees be notified to the Head of Democratic Services and Governance.

Previous membership

6 Councillors A Moran, J Rhodes and M Warren.

Consultation and Engagement

7 There has been consultation with Group Leaders and Administrators in relation to the proposed member representation on the Safer Cheshire East Partnership.

Reasons for Recommendations

8 The Committee is responsible for the appointment of those bodies referred to in this report.

Other Options Considered

9	Option	Impact	Risk
	Do nothing	The Council's Constitution requires working groups and panels to be appointed in line with the legislation referenced in this report. Not appointing to this body would remove the Council's ability to be represented on SCEP.	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

- 10 The Safer Cheshire East Partnership has been set up as a statutory partnership rather than as a formal joint committee. Therefore, rules of political proportionality do not apply.

Section 151 Officer/Finance

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

Policy

- 12 There are no direct policy implications.

An open and enabling organisation

Ensure that there is transparency in all aspects of council decision making

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

13 There are no direct equality, diversity and inclusion issues.

Human Resources

14 There are no direct human resources implications.

Risk Management

15 Failure to comply with any legislation when appointing its committee memberships would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

Rural Communities

16 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)

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

Public Health

18 There are no direct implications for public health.

Climate Change

19 There are no direct implications for climate change.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Safer Cheshire East Partnership draft Terms of Reference
Background Papers:	None