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Scrutiny Committee

29 June 2023

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

Report of: David Brown, Director of Governance and Compliance

Report Reference No: SC/03/23-24

Ward(s) Affected: No specific wards

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report seeks approval from the Scrutiny Committee to appoint members to the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

Executive Summary

- 2 The Council, at its annual meeting on 24 May 2023, 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 committees. This report concerns the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee of which membership is required to be appointed by the Scrutiny Committee. Where political proportionality is applicable, the agreed conventions and methods of calculation have been applied.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Appoint the membership of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as follows: Con:1; Lab:1.

2. Note the 'Protocol for the Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements' attached as appendix 1 to the report;
3. Agree the political representation and agree that the names of Members appointed to it will be submitted to the Head of Democratic Services and Governance.

Background

3 A. Bodies which report to the Scrutiny Committee

4 Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

5 In July 2022, Full Council agreed the establishment of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and approved appointment of members to the Joint Committee being delegated from the Corporate Policy Committee to the Scrutiny Committee.

6 The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will meet when it is deemed a proposal is of substantial development or variation (please see Appendix 1 for the Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol). The Joint Committee is made up on 18 elected members from 9 local authorities and in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol, Cheshire East has a total of two seats on the Committee.

7 Knowsley Council, as the Host Authority of the Joint Scrutiny Committee, has reviewed the political balance on the Committee following the 2023 Local Elections. It is proposed that the Scrutiny Committee agree to the appointment of Members to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in line with the following, and that the nominees to the Sub Committee be notified to the Head of Democratic Services and Governance:

8 If named individuals cannot be provided at the meeting, these should be notified to the Head of Democratic Services and Governance.

1 Conservative

1 Labour

Consultation and Engagement

9 There has been consultation with Group Leaders and Administrators in relation to the political representation of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 10 The Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the appointment of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, referred to in this report.

Other Options Considered

11	Option	Impact	Risk
	Do nothing	The Council's Constitution requires these bodies 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

- 12 *Monitoring Officer/Legal*
- 13 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.
- 14 The Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is not a committee or sub-committee of Cheshire East Council.

Section 151 Officer/Finance

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

Policy

16 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

17 There are no direct implications for equality.

Human Resources

18 There are no direct human resources implications.

Risk Management

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

Rural Communities

20 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)

21 There are no direct implications for children and young people

Public Health

22 There are no direct implications for public health.

Climate Change

23 There are no direct climate change implications.

Access to Information

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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol
Background Papers:	None