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## **Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: 26 June 2025**

### **Appointments to the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Report of: Janet Witkowski, Acting Governance, Compliance and  
Monitoring Officer**

**Report Reference No: SC/01/25-26**

**Ward(s) Affected: N/A**

**For Decision**

### **Purpose of Report**

- 1 This report seeks approval from the Scrutiny Committee to nominate members to the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.
- 2 This report contributes to the council's objective of being an effective and enabling organisation – effective and responsive governance, compliance and evidence-based decision-making.

### **Executive Summary**

- 3 This report concerns those bodies which fall to be nominated by the Scrutiny Committee. Where political proportionality is applicable, the agreed conventions and methods of calculation have been applied.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Scrutiny Committee

1. Nominate to the membership of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2025-26, as set out within this report.
2. Where appropriate, agree to submit member nominations to the Head of Democratic Services.

## Background

4 Bodies which the Scrutiny Committee is required to appoint to:

Body	Purpose	Membership 2024-25	Proposed Membership 2025-26
Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	<p>The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meets when it is deemed that a proposal is a “substantial development or variation (SDV)”. The Joint Committee is made up of 18 elected members from 9 local authorities, hosted by Knowsley Council. The role of the Joint Committee and its functions, including the SVD process are set out within the <a href="#">Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol</a>.</p> <p><i>*Political balance of the committee is reviewed by the Host Authority.</i></p>	<p>Councillors L Wardlaw and R Vernon</p> <p><b>(2 seats: 1 Lab, 1 Cons)</b></p>	<p><b>Councillors L Wardlaw and C Bulman</b></p> <p><b>(2 seats: 1 Lab, 1 Cons)</b></p>

## Consultation and Engagement

- 5 There has been consultation with Group Leaders and Administrators in relation to the political representation of the body set out within this report.

## Reasons for Recommendations

- 6 In accordance with the Constitution, the Scrutiny Committee is responsible for agreeing nominations to the body referred to in this report.

## Other Options Considered

7	Option	Impact	Risk
	Do nothing	The Council's Constitution requires this body to be appointed in line with the legislation referenced in this report. Not nominating members to this body would negatively affect the 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

### *Monitoring Officer/Legal/Governance*

- 8 The Scrutiny Committee has power to nominate members to this body. In line with the arrangements agreed by the constituent local authorities, the host authority calculated the political make-up of the body, and this is in line with the Council's expectations.

### *Section 151 Officer/Finance*

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

### *Human Resources*

- 10 There are no HR implications.

### *Risk Management*

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

### *Impact on other Committees*

- 12 There are no implications on other committees.

### *Policy*

13 There are no direct policy implications.

<b>Commitment 3: An effective and enabling organisation</b>
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Effective and responsive governance, compliance and evidence-based decision-making.
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### *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion*

14 There are no equality, diversity and inclusion implications.

### *Other Implications*

15 There are no other implications.

### *Consultation*

Name of Consultee	Post held	Date sent	Date returned
Statutory Officer (or deputy) :			
Sal Khan	Deputy S151 Officer	03/06/25	04/06/25
Janet Witkowski	Acting Monitoring Officer	03/06/25	04/06/25
Legal and Finance			
Julie Gregory	Head of Legal Services	13/05/25	15/05/25
Steve Reading	Finance Manager		
Other Consultees: None			

<b>Access to Information</b>	
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Background Papers:	NA