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| Council/Committee: | Full Council |
| Report Title | Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies 2025/26 |
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| Wards Affected | N/A |
| Appendices (if any) | 1. Nominations to other/outside bodies |

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report confirms the appointments and nominations of representatives of the Council to a wide range of bodies not directly associated with the Council.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 For the reasons set out in the report, it is recommended that Full Council approve the appointments to outside/other bodies detailed in Appendix 1.

3. Proposals – Reasons for the recommendations

- 3.1 The Council is invited to appoint and nominate representatives to a wide range of bodies not directly associated with the Council. These other bodies include national, regional and local organisations. Appointment to the organisations listed are a matter for Council to determine. The Council's continued involvement with outside bodies can help to support the Council's Vision and encourage better understanding of local needs and viewpoints. Appendix 1 sets out the proposed nominations to organisations.

- 3.2 In some cases, the Council is asked only for nominations for persons from whom a selection will be made later. Most of the appointments are for one year only, but where the appointments or nominations are for a longer period, that period is shown. The names of the previous representatives are given together with explanatory notes where appropriate.

4. Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 Appointment of elected members to other/outside bodies can only be made by Full Council/the Executive.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation required.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Attendance at meetings of other bodies qualifies as an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.

7. Legal and Governance Implications

- 7.1 The current policy adopted by the Council is that members should not take up a post on another body without sufficient personal liability insurance being taken out by that body and, if necessary, an indemnity being granted by the Authority to cover potential claims against them.

8. Risks

- 8.1 There are no risks arising directly from this report.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty)

- 9.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

10. Other Relevant Implications

- 10.1 There are no other implications arising directly from this report.

11. Background Documents

11.1 No background documents.

12. How does this deliver the objectives of the Strategic Themes?

12.1 The Council's decision-making structures are designed to support the delivery of Sandwell's Council Plan.