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Appointment to Outside Bodies, Committees and Groups

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1. Synopsis

This report sets out the requirements for appointing Shropshire Council representatives to the various outside bodies, committees and groups.

2. Executive Summary

Council is asked to make appointments to outside bodies, committees and groups where urgent appointments are required. It is also requested to agree a process for the consideration of appointments to the remaining committees, groups and outside bodies prior to confirmation of the appointments at Council in July.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. To agree urgent appointments to the outside bodies, committees and groups set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.2. That, the Chief Executive appoints members to the remaining outside bodies, committees and groups following consultation with a small working group comprised of Group Leaders or their nominated representatives, and that any bodies where agreement cannot be reached by the Working Group be referred

back to Council for decision. These appointments will be reported to the July meeting of Council.

3.3. That, the Chief Executive in consultation with appropriate Group Leaders be authorised to agree any other appointment that may be necessary as a matter of urgency prior to the meeting of the working group referenced in paragraph 3.2.

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4. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

It is important to agree urgent appointments at the 2025 meeting as representation will be required at meetings due to take place in the following weeks.

5. Financial Implications

The appointment to outside bodies, committees and groups will have no obvious financial implications.

6. Climate Change Appraisal

The appointment to outside bodies, committees and groups will have no obvious impact in terms of climate change.

7. Background

- 7.1. Shropshire Council is asked to make appointments to various committees, groups and over 50 outside bodies. The outside bodies range from national, regional and county organisations down to local charitable bodies. Under the Constitution, appointments to outside bodies are the responsibility of Council at their Annual meeting.
- 7.2. Some appointments need to be made urgently as meetings are scheduled for late May and June. National and Regional Local Government Associations also need to know representation in order to set political balance.
- 7.3. It should be noted that all the outside bodies appointed to in 2021 have been approached to see if they still require Council representation and the list included as Appendix 1 has been updated to reflect their responses. The lists of remaining outside bodies, committees and groups requiring representation have likewise been amended.

8. Conclusions

- 8.1. Those outside bodies, Committees and groups where urgent appointments are required are set out in Appendix 1 to this report. Council is asked to agree appointments to these bodies. (Names to be circulated at the meeting.)
- 8.2. It is then recommended that the remaining appointments are appointed by the Chief Executive following consultation with a small working group comprising of Group Leaders or their nominated representatives, and that any bodies where agreement cannot be reached by the Group be referred back to Council for decision. The list of agreed appointments will be reported to the July Council meeting.
- 8.3. If any further appointments arise of an urgent nature before the meeting of the working group, it is proposed that the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, be authorised to agree any appointments required as a matter of urgency.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Schedule of Outside Bodies

Local Member: Not applicable

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Outside Bodies, committees and groups where urgent appointments are required to be made at this meeting of the Council