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Report to: Full Council



Subject/report title: Council Appointments

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To request Council to make the appointments identified in the report

2. Decision(s) recommended

2.1 Council is asked to make appointments to:

2.1.1 Solihull Community Housing board 3 Members required;

2.1.2 West Midlands Police and Crime Panel 1 Member required plus 1 substitute member

2.1.3 Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 Members required plus 2 substitute members;

2.1.4 Sherbourne Recycling Limited 1 Member required; and

2.1.5 Combined Authority Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee 1 Member plus a substitute member.

3. Matters for Consideration

- 3.1 Council will be aware that as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic government introduced legislation that removed the need to have an Annual Council meeting. As a consequence all appointments made by Full Council in 2019 would continue for the new municipal year. However, due to changes in certain governance arrangements it is necessary to make new appointments to some outside bodies as set out in this report, as well as making some adjustments to appointments the Council shares with Coventry City Council.

Solihull Community Housing

- 3.2 Solihull Community Housing is an arm's length management company established to manage the Councils stock. As a private company, the business is overseen by a board onto which the Council appoints members.
- 3.3 The SCH board commissioned a review of governance arrangements which recommended that the SCH board be reduced from 12 to 10 members. At its meeting in December 2019 Cabinet received a report detailing the proposal to reduce the number of Board Members, which it subsequently endorsed. As a consequence the Council is required to reduce the number of appointments it makes from 4 to 3. Currently Cllrs Howell, Blunt and Williams and David Bell are appointed to the Board.
- 3.4 Council is not being asked to agree to the reduction in the size of the board. The amendment to the size of the SCH Board does necessitate new appointments to be made by Council.

WMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee and West Midlands Police & Crime Panel Shared Appointments with Coventry City Council

- 3.5 The arrangements for these committees are shared with Coventry City Council. Each Council appoints 1 member to each committee and then the Council's alternate a second appointment. Last year the Council had the extra space on the Police and Crime Panel, and Coventry had the extra Scrutiny place. This year the positions would have been reserved. Coventry have confirmed that they want the extra seat they are entitled to this year on the Police and Crime Panel, which means the Council need to confirm just one appointment on the Police and Crime Panel and make an extra appointment to Scrutiny. Currently the Council appointments to the Police and Crime Panel are Cllrs Hawkins and Butler (Substitute members Cllrs Mrs Holl-Allen MBE and B Grinsell).
- 3.6 With regard to the Scrutiny Committee the Councils current appointment is Cllr Mrs Wild (substitute Member Cllr Butler). Due to the political balance within the West Midlands the appointments need to be from the Conservative Group.

Sherbourne Recycling Limited shareholders panel

- 3.7 Sherbourne Recycling Limited (SRL) will be the trading subsidiary for the sub-regional Material Recovery Facility that is currently being jointly procured by a group of local authorities, with Coventry City Council acting as the lead authority on behalf of the authorities. The proposal to form the company was agreed by Cabinet at its meeting

on 5th September 2019

3.8 Similar to the Governance arrangements that are in place to oversee the activities of Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company (CSWDC), a Shareholders Panel and Board of Directors will be set up to govern SRL. This is new appointment.

3.9 **West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

3.10 The Council is asked to appoint one member (plus a substitute) to represent the Council on the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee. The function of the Sub-Committee will be to:

- To ensure that significant transport policies are subject to pre-development oversight and pre-decision scrutiny as appropriate.
- To call-in for further scrutiny any transport-related decision of the WMCA Board or Transport Delivery Committee within the manner provided for within the Constitution.
- To hold Q&A sessions with the Mayor (annually) and the Portfolio Lead for Transport and directors of Transport for West Midlands (as and when determined) to gain assurance that transport-related services provided by the WMCA are appropriate, satisfactory and support the wider policy objectives of the WMCA.
- To hold Q&A sessions with the Chair of Transport Delivery Committee to ensure that the delivery and impact of transport policies and services within the remit of the WMCA was appropriate.
- To invite transport operators to attend meetings to discuss the provision of public transport services where appropriate.
- To ensure that the public within the West Midlands has appropriate means to engage with the WMCA and transport operators in shaping transport policy to ensure that it meets the needs of the region.
- To oversee the framework of transport governance within the WMCA, making recommendations to the WMCA Board where it was considered improvements could be made.
- Transport Delivery Committee will be held accountable by the TSSC via Q&A sessions, as can transport operators.

3.10.1 The Combined Authority is looking for an experienced Member, preferably with some knowledge of transport issues and the scrutiny function. It envisaged that Sub-Committee would meet six times a year.

4. What options have been considered and what is the evidence telling us about them?

The Council could elect not to make these appointments but it would then not have representation on those bodies.

5. Reasons for recommending preferred option

5.1 The Council is required to make these appointments

6. Implications and Considerations

6.1 How the proposals in this report contribute to the delivery of Council Plan priorities:

Priority:	Contribution:
Securing inclusive economic growth.	None as a direct consequence of this report
Planning & delivery for Solihull's low carbon future (to include biodiversity implications).	None as a direct consequence of this report
Managing demand and expectation for public services.	None as a direct consequence of this report
Developing our approach to services for adults and children with complex needs.	None as a direct consequence of this report
Making the best use of our people and physical assets.	None as a direct consequence of this report

6.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

6.2.1 None as a direct consequence of this report

6.3 Financial implications:

6.3.1 None as a direct consequence of this report

6.4 Legal implications:

6.4.1 None as a direct consequence of this report

6.5 Risk implications:

6.5.1 None as a direct consequence of this report

6.6 Equality implications:

6.6.1 None as a direct consequence of this report

7. List of appendices referred to

7.1 None

8. Background papers used to compile this report

8.1 Report to Cabinet 9th December 2019

8.2 Report to Cabinet 5th September 2019

9. List of other relevant documents

9.1 None