

Meeting of:	THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Date of Meeting:	15 MAY 2024
Report Title:	REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES & OTHER COMMITTEES
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER
Responsible Officer:	RUTH RONAN, SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	The provisions and recommendations of the report accord with the Council's Procedure Rules as outlined in the Constitution.
Executive Summary:	To appoint and nominate the requisite number of elected members to outside bodies and joint committees as detailed. This is required on an annual basis.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the appointment of Members to the South Wales Police and Crime Panel, the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee - Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the South East Wales Strategic Planning Group and the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Governance and Audit Sub-Committee as set out in **Appendix 1**.

2. Background

- 2.1 Council is required, in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, to receive nominations and appoint to these bodies / committees.
- 2.2 In April 2021, the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee ("SEWCJC") was formally constituted, comprising of the Leaders of the 10 Local Authorities of South East Wales as well as a representative of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.
- 2.3 The SEWCJC is the successor body to the CRCJ Joint Committee and is responsible for strategic development planning, regional transport planning and promoting the economic well-being of their area.

- 2.4 The SEWCJC is now establishing three new sub-committees including a CJC Governance and Audit Committee of 15 members including one non-executive member from each of the CJC's 10 Constituent Councils and 5 lay members.
- 2.5 In addition to this, at its' meeting held on 18 October 2023, Council agreed to appoint the Cardiff Capital City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) as the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the newly established South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC).
- 2.6 The CJC JOSC comprises one non-executive member from each constituent councils of the CJC. Deputy Members will be invited to attend each meeting of the CJC JOSC, to support continuity and broaden the knowledge base of all local authority representatives. Only in the absence of the substantive member, will a deputy be able to exercise a vote behalf of their local authority.

3. Current situation/ proposal

- 3.1 It is proposed that Members be appointed for a term of one year except where earlier revocation of appointment is appropriate.
- 3.2 It is proposed that where Cabinet nominates on the basis of a Member's role within the Authority the appointment be attached to the role and not to the individual Member, e.g. Scrutiny Chair, Cabinet Member.
- 3.3 For the CJC Governance and Audit Sub-Committee, it is intended that it will meet at least 4 times per year. Meetings will be held via Teams and provisional meeting dates (which may be subject to change) are scheduled for 19 July 2024, 27 September 2024, 13 December 2024 and 7 February 2025. Members are asked to note that the nominated member may not also be a member of another of the CJC's sub-committees.
- 3.4 In relation to the SEW JOSC, in order to reflect the wider political make-up across the South East Wales region, local authorities are asked to reflect their wider political balance when nominating their substantive and deputy representatives.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

- 5.1 The following is a summary of the implications to show how the 5 ways of working have been used to formulate the recommendation:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the long term

planning of the business of the Council by the continuation of effective relationships with other organisations.

- Prevention - Continued and relevant representation supports the Council by enhancing its current and future relationships.
- Integration - The report supports all the well-being objectives.
- Collaboration - This report supports partnership working with other organisations both locally and regionally.
- Involvement - This report will maintain a relationship with other organisations through effective partnership working.

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no climate change implications associated with these appointments.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no safeguarding implications associated with these appointments.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications associated with these appointments.

9. Recommendation

9.1 Council is recommended to receive nominations and appoint the requisite number of Members to the bodies and committees as shown in **Appendix 1**.

Background documents

None