

Report of:	Executive Member for Finance and Governance and Director of Legal and Governance Services
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Submitted to:	Council
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Date:	24 May 2023
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Title:	Appointments by the Council and Executive to Joint Committees and Outside Bodies - 2023 – 2024
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Report for:	Decision
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Status:	Public
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Strategic priority:	All
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Key decision:	No
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Why:	Not applicable
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Urgent:	No
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Why:	Not applicable
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Executive summary

The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) provide for the discharge of the Council's functions through executive arrangements.

The appendices to the report set out details of the Joint Committees and Outside Bodies to which Middlesbrough Council may make nominations or appointments.

Purpose

1. To consider the appointment of representatives to Joint Committees and Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year of 2023/2024, or until amended by Council/Executive (whichever is the latter).

Background and relevant information

2. The report provides an opportunity for the Council and the Executive to review its appointments to Outside Bodies and to make any necessary changes.
3. The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) provide for the discharge of the Council's functions through executive arrangements.
4. The appendices to this report set out details of the joint committees and outside bodies to which Middlesbrough Council may make nominations or appointments and identify:
 - (i) proposed representation requiring approval by the Council:

Appendix A – Council nominations
Appendix B – Council/Executive nominations (Nominations within Appendix B are local choice matters which are nominated on a shared basis between Council and Executive).
 - (ii) Appendix C - representation approved by the Executive via delegation to the Deputy Mayor as outlined in the Mayor's Executive Scheme of Delegation:

Deputy Mayor – Delegated Authority

The Deputy Mayor has delegated powers:

- a. To appoint to outside bodies, made by the Executive or jointly with Council.
- b. To appoint to Executive Advisory Bodies (Excluding membership to the Full Executive)

What decision(s) are being recommended?

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 - (i) That, subject to amendments to places indicated in the attached schedules, Council approves the appointments which are the responsibility of the Council.
 - (ii) That Council notes the nomination of representatives/vacancies detailed in Appendix B – Council/Executive appointments and Appendix C – Executive appointments.
 - (iii) That the bodies identified in the schedules submitted be regarded as approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowance.

- (iv) That subject to consultation with the Deputy Mayor (for Executive appointments), the Group Leader (where a vacancy rests specifically with that political group), or the Chair of Council (for all other nominations/appointments), the Monitoring Officer be authorised to remove or replace representatives on outside bodies.
- (v) That a report on any outstanding Outside Body vacancies be submitted to the Council meeting on 5 July 2023.

Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

- 5. The Council has agreed to appoint to those Outside Bodies listed in the attached schedules and the appointments are usually agreed at the Council Annual Meeting.

Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 6. Decide not to appoint to Outside Bodies. As a representative on an Outside Body, Councillors may report back to the Council whenever they or the organisation feel that a matter is of major significance to the Council or to the town.

Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Legal

- 8. The Council is required to fill vacancies in accordance with Local Government legislation.

Strategic priorities and risks

- 7. The relevant risks this decision would influence are cited below, with an explanation as to why they are relevant and how it would affect each risk.

Failure to adhere to Local Code of Corporate Governance and deliver governance improvements outlined in the Annual Governance Statement. The Council can be kept up to date on any significant developments that may affect the town or the authority by the representative on the Outside Body.

Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection

- 8. The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. It is considered that an equality impact assessment is not required.

Financial

- 9. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations within this report

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
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Inform the Outside Bodies which Councillors have been selected to sit on the various Outside Bodies.	Democratic Services Officers	
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Appendices

1	Appendix A - Council Appointments to Outside Bodies
2	Appendix B – Council/Executive Appointments to Outside Bodies
3	Appendix C – Executive Appointments to Outside Bodies

Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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