



Committee and Date

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## **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES, COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**

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### **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.

### **Recommendations**

- A To agree urgent appointments to the outside bodies, committees and groups set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- B To agree that a small working group comprising Group Leaders or their nominated representatives be established with delegated powers to appoint to the remaining outside bodies, committees and groups, and that any bodies where agreement cannot be reached by the Group be referred back to Council for decision.
- C That, the Director of Operations in consultation with appropriate Group Leaders be authorised to agree any other appointment that may be necessary as a matter of urgency.

## **REPORT**

### **Background**

1. Shropshire Council is asked to make appointments to various committees, groups and approaching 100 outside bodies.
2. 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. Between these meetings the Leader of the Council has authority to approve appointments regardless of how they might occur and to inform the Director of Operations accordingly.

3. 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.
4. It should be noted that all the outside bodies appointed to in 2009 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.

**Proposals**

5. 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.)*
6. It is then recommended that the remaining appointments are considered by a working group with delegated powers comprising of Group Leaders or their nominated representatives and that any areas where agreement cannot be reached by the Group be referred back to Council for decision.
7. If any further appointments arise of an urgent nature before the meeting of the working group, it is proposed that the Director of Operations, in consultation with Group Leaders, be authorised to agree any appointments required as a matter of urgency.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
Schedule of Outside Bodies
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b> The contents of this report are compatible with provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
<b>Environment Appraisal</b> Not applicable
<b>Risk Management Appraisal</b> It is important to agree urgent appointments at the 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 meeting as representation will be required at meetings due to take place in the following weeks
<b>Community / Consultations Appraisal</b> It is an essential role of Members to involve themselves in local issues
<b>Cabinet Member</b> Not applicable
<b>Local Member</b> Not applicable
<b>Appendices:</b>  <b>Appendix 1</b> – Schedule of outside bodies, committees and groups where urgent appointments are required to be made at this meeting of the Council

**Appendix 1****Nominations Required Urgently to the Following Bodies**

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Required Representation</b>
<b>County Council Network Council</b>	Up to 4 Members
<b>Local Government Association</b>	Up to 4 Members (5 votes available)
<b>Local Government Information Unit</b>	1 - Leader
<b>SPARSE</b>	4 (2 as observers)
<b>West Midlands Leaders Board</b>	1 – Leader of Council 1 – Alternate
<b>West Midlands Local Government Association Regional Assembly</b>	3 – Members 3 – Alternates
<b>Strategic Advisory Group</b> (has replaced Regional Planning Partnership and Regional Housing Partnership)	2 - Members 2 – Alternates
<b>Local Strategic Partnership Leaders Board</b>	1 – Leader
<b>LGA Rural Commission</b>	Up to 2 Representatives <b>(either 2 Elected Members or one Elected Member and one officer)</b> the first named elected member will be allocated the authority's vote and his/her political affiliation will be used to calculate the political balance of the Rural Policy Review Group
<b>LGA Urban Commission</b>	Up to 2 Representatives <b>(either 2 elected representatives or 1 member and 1 officer)</b> (political control of authorities in membership will be used to calculate political proportionality of the Urban Commission Steering Committee)

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Required Representation</b>
<b>West Midlands Employers</b>	1 – Leader of Cabinet or Portfolio Holder
<b>West Mercia Police and Crime Panel</b>	4 – Members (2C and 2LD) 4 – Alternates (2C and 2LD)
<b>Counties Furniture Group Board</b>	1 - Member
<b>Board of Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing Limited (STaRH)</b>	4 – Members from LJC areas 1, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 26)