

Children's Services Committee

Report title:	Internal and External Appointments
Date of meeting:	22 May 2018
Responsible Chief Officer:	Wendy Thomson Managing Director
Strategic impact Appointments to Outside Bodies are made for a number of reasons, not least that they add value in terms of contributing towards the Council's priorities and strategic objectives. The Council also makes appointments to a number of member level internal bodies such as Boards, Panels, and Steering Groups. Responsibility for appointing to internal and external bodies lies with the Service Committees. The same applies to the positions of Member Champion.	

Executive summary

Set out in the appendix to this report are the outside and internal appointments relevant to this Committee together with the current membership.

Recommendation

- **That Members review and where appropriate make appointments to those external bodies, internal bodies and Champions position as set out in Appendix A.**

1. Proposal

Outside Bodies

- 1.1 The appendix to this report sets out the outside bodies under the remit of this Committee. Members will note that the previous representative is shown against the relevant body. Members are asked to review Appendix A and decide whether to continue to make an appointment, and if so, to agree who the member should be.

Internal bodies

- 1.2 Set out in Appendix A are the internal bodies that come under the remit of this Committee. There is no requirement for there to be strict political balance as the bodies concerned do not have any executive authority. Appointments are not made on the basis of strict political proportionality, so the Committee may, if it wishes to retain a particular body, change the political makeup. The members shown in the appendix are those serving on the body in the previous year. Any Member Champion appointments are also shown.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 The decisions members make will have a small financial implication for the members allowances budget, as attendance at an internal or external body is an approved duty under the scheme, for which members may claim travel expenses.

3. Issues, risks and innovation

- 3.1 There are no other relevant implications to be considered by members.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Council makes appointments to a significant number of internal bodies and external bodies. Under the Committee system, responsibility for these bodies lies with the Service Committees.
- 4.2 There is no requirement for a member of an internal body to be appointed from the “parent committee”. In certain categories of outside bodies it will be most appropriate for the local member to be appointed; in others, Committees will wish to have the flexibility to appoint the most appropriate member regardless of their division or committee membership. In this way a “whole Council” approach can be taken to appointments.

Background Papers – There are no background papers relevant to the preparation of this report

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