

# Birmingham City Council

## Report to Cabinet

19 March 2024



**Subject:** APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES  
**Report of:** Interim City Solicitor  
**Relevant Cabinet Member:** Cllr John Cotton, Leader of the Council  
**Relevant O & S Chair(s):** Cllr Sir Albert Bore, Chairman of Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
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### 1 Executive Summary

1.1 The report seeks the approval of the Cabinet to the appointment of representatives to serve on outside bodies detailed in the appendix to this report.

### 2 Recommendations

2.1 That Cabinet agrees to appoint representative(s) to serve on the Outside Bodies detailed in the appendix to this report.

### **3 Background**

- 3.1 At a meeting of all Councillors on 11 July 2017, the City Council approved changes to the Constitution that set out those appointments that are reserved to the full City Council to determine. All other appointments of Members and officers to outside bodies shall be within the remit of Cabinet to determine and the proportionality rules will not automatically apply.

### **4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal**

- 4.1 These appointments are a matter for the Cabinet to determine, in accordance with the City Council's current Constitution.

### **5 Consultation**

For appropriate items, the Secretaries to the Political Groups represented on the Council.

### **6 Risk Management**

- 6.1 The main risk of not making appointments might lead to the City Council not being represented at meetings of the bodies concerned. It is always important in making appointments to have regard to the City Council's equal opportunities policies.

### **7 Compliance Issues:**

#### **7.1 How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**

- 7.1.1 The appointments are consistent with the legal and constitutional requirements of the City Council.

#### **7.2 Legal Implications**

- 7.2.1 The full Code of Conduct can be found in the Council's Constitution, available online. When acting as the Council's representative Members must comply with the Code of Conduct (unless it conflicts with the legal obligations of the other body). Members must declare a new interest within 28 days, including membership of Outside Bodies. You must also declare interests at a committee meeting if an item of business relates to , or affects, an Outside Body to which you have been appointed. If you are unsure as to whether you need to declare an interest, please contact the Monitoring Officer. There may also be occasions where, while you do not have a pecuniary interest, your membership of another body may give rise to the appearance of bias. If you find yourself in this position, please speak to the Monitoring Officer who will be able to advise you.

#### **7.3 Financial Implications**

7.3.1 There are no additional resource implications. Where applicable, those implications arise at the time that the relevant body, or a grant to it, is established.

**7.4 Procurement Implications (if required)**

7.4.1 Not applicable.

**7.5 Human Resources Implications (if required)**

7.5.1 Not applicable.

**7.6 Public Sector Equality Duty**

7.6.1 As set out in paragraph 6.1 above.

**8 Background Documents**

8.1 Report of the Council Business Management Committee to City Council on 11 July 2017 “Revised City Council Constitution”; along with relevant e-mails/ file(s)/correspondence on such appointments.

**Attached:** Appendix to Report to Cabinet – 19 March 2024 - Appointments to Outside Bodies