

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 24 th October 2017
Report Subject	Appointments to Outside Bodies
Report Author	Chief Officer (Governance)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Appointments to Outside Bodies list was last reported to the Annual Meeting. Nominations were made to all but one of the bodies on the list, which is attached. Of the current vacancies, some of those relate to the late Councillor Ron Hampson. There was one body where Group Leaders, in consultation with the Chief Executive were unable to make a nomination and so it remains as a vacancy.

All appointments will run until May 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Council notes the current Outside Bodies list which is attached as appendix A
2	That where any vacancies remain unfilled these should be removed from the Outside Bodies list.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE OUTSIDE BODIES LIST
1.01	The County Council maintains a list of the Members whom it nominates to serve on a number of outside bodies. Following on from the Annual Meeting, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders made appointments to all but one outside body.
1.02	We have previously recognised that it may not be possible to make nominations to all of the outside bodies: nominations have tended to be because individual members have specialist knowledge or experience which enables them to make a meaningful contribution to that organisation. As effective links exist between that organisation and the Council's officers, it is suggested that representation at Member level may not be required for all organisations the time being. There is one vacancy where we have not been able to make a nomination. This is the North Wales Association for the deaf. It is recognised that Members already have a huge number of conflicting demands on their time.
1.03	There are a number of vacancies which were previously filled by the late Councillor Ron Hampson. These are ward related and will be filled following the Buckley Bistre West by election.
1.04	All appointments made this year will run until May 2022.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None arising directly from this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	Consultation has been carried out with Group Leaders.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	The Outside Bodies list is regularly reviewed to ensure that our representation is appropriate and effective. Anti-poverty, environment and equalities issues are borne in mind where applicable.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 - Current Outside Bodies list.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>None, other than the attached.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robert Robins, Democratic Services Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>Outside Bodies: organisations outside the Council onto which Flintshire nominates Members.</p> <p>Mersey-Dee Alliance (MDA): the partnership between the public sector in North East Wales and North West England to “work together on common strategic interests to ensure a sustainable future for the area and facilitate a coherent approach to social, economic and environmental issues.”</p> <p>Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) This body represents the interests of local government and promotes local democracy in Wales. It represents the 22 local authorities in Wales and the 3 fire and rescue authorities and 3 national park authorities are associate members. The WLGA's primary purposes are to promote better local government and its reputation and to support authorities in the development of policies and priorities which will improve public services and democracy.</p>