

North Tyneside Council

Report to Elected Mayor

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**Title: Appointments to Outside Bodies Exercising Executive Functions
2025–26**

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| Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor | | Cabinet Member(s): | Karen A Clark, Elected Mayor |
| Report from Service Area: | Resources | | |
| Responsible Officer: | Jon Ritchie, Director of Resources | Tel: 0191 643 6476 | |
| Wards affected: | All Wards | | |

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The Elected Mayor is requested to consider and make the appointment of members to serve on outside bodies which have executive decision-making powers for the 2025–26 Municipal Year as set out in the Appendix to this report.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Elected Mayor determine and make: –

- (1) the appointment of representatives to serve on the executive outside bodies set out in the Appendix to this report for the 2025–26 Municipal Year.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Twenty-eight days' notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 21 March 2025.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The Authority's membership of the various executive outside bodies will assist the Authority in meeting each of the 'Our North Tyneside Plan' priorities.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Full Council at its Annual Meeting held on 15 May 2025 appointed representatives to outside bodies that do not exercise executive functions for the 2025-26 Municipal Year.

1.5.2 The Appendix to this report sets out those outside bodies which exercise executive functions and require appointments to be made by the Elected Mayor for the 2025-26 Municipal Year which have not already been made. If a joint committee exercises executive functions only, the persons appointed must be Cabinet members, unless the joint committee is discharging a function in relation to five or more local authorities, in which case non-Cabinet members can be appointed.

1.5.3 Political balance requirements do not apply to the appointment of members of joint committees exercising executive functions only. Failure to ensure that Cabinet members are appointed to statutory committees/bodies would place the Authority in breach of the relevant legislation.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by the Elected Mayor: –

Option 1

The Elected Mayor may choose to appoint representatives to those bodies set out in the Appendix to this report.

Option 2

The Elected Mayor may choose not to appoint representatives to some or any of those bodies set out in the Appendix to this report.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reason:

To ensure that the Authority is properly represented on external bodies that exercise executive functions, including the statutory outside bodies.

1.8 Appendix:

List of outside bodies exercising executive functions to which appointments are requested to be made for the 2025-26 Municipal Year.

1.9 Contact officers:

Allison Mitchell, Head of Governance (0191) 643 5724

1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) List of Outside Bodies exercising Executive functions (attached)
- (2) Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1019/contents/made>
- (3) North Tyneside Council Constitution
- (4) Guidance note on personal liability of Members serving on outside bodies

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

The proposal does not have direct financial implications. However, the completeness of this list is important in recognising the extent of indemnity cover required and ensuring recognition of all potential liabilities for the Authority.

2.2 Legal

The Elected Mayor has the power to make appointments to outside bodies which exercise executive functions by virtue of Part 3.4 of the Authority's Constitution – 'Responsibility for Executive Functions and the Elected Mayor's Delegation Scheme. Included in Part 3.4 is a list of delegations given to individual Cabinet Members and the Elected Mayor. Included in the list is the delegation given to the

Elected Mayor to appointment representatives to outside executive bodies which states the Elected Mayor can: -

“approve the appointment of representatives to serve on those outside bodies that exercise executive functions.”

The appointment of a Member to an outside body may create liabilities for the Member (personally) and the Authority (corporately). It is important that Members in the discharge of their responsibilities on outside bodies act in good faith and within the powers and responsibilities of the outside body.

Members will normally be indemnified under the Authority’s adopted scheme of indemnification for any liabilities that flow from their appointment to an outside body. To ensure that Members benefit from the scheme of indemnity, Members should seek prompt advice from officers should they consider that they have any conflict of interest in discharging their duties on an outside body or if they are concerned that the body may be acting in a potentially unlawful way. A link to a guidance note in relation to personal liability of members serving on outside bodies can be found under section 1.10 of this report (Background Information).

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

Consultation has taken place with the outside bodies as appropriate to determine their requirements in terms of appointments by the Authority.

2.4 Human rights

There are no direct human rights implications arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

The Authority makes appointments to outside bodies which work within the requirements of equality legislation and, where applicable, the public sector equality duty.

2.6 Risk management

Any risks associated with appointing Authority representatives to serve on outside bodies are set out in the guidance note referred to in section 1.10 of this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

Some of the appointments are to outside bodies which seek to reduce crime and disorder.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

The Authority makes appointments to outside bodies which seek to enhance and protect the local and national environment.

PART 3 – SIGN OFF

- Interim Chief Executive ☒
- Director(s) of Service ☒
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) ☐
- Chief Finance Officer ☒
- Monitoring Officer ☒
- Interim Director
Corporate Strategy
and Customer Support ☒