

Divisions: N/A

CABINET – 17 JUNE 2025

APPOINTMENTS 2025/26

Report by Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to agree the appointments to the bodies set out in the Annex to this report.

Introduction

1. The report asks the Cabinet to consider member appointments to a variety of bodies which in different ways support the discharge of the Council's executive functions. The report reflects the basis on which appointments to the respective bodies have been made in the past and, subject to any adjustments that may be considered appropriate, invites the Cabinet to agree arrangements for filling the councillor places on those bodies.
2. The schedule only refers to those appointments which are the direct responsibility of Cabinet to make. There are other outside body appointments that are the responsibility of the of Full Council, its committees or local processes as appropriate.

Joint Committees

3. These are formal bodies set up to exercise statutory functions jointly with other authorities. Members of joint committees exercising executive functions must be members of the Cabinet. The Future Oxfordshire Partnership has been replaced by Oxfordshire Leaders Joint Committee.

The current joint committees are listed in **Section 1** of the Annex to this report.

Local Statutory Bodies

4. The County Council is required to set up and run a number of local bodies in connection with certain of its statutory functions, typically with other organisations. County Council representation is not generally limited to Cabinet Members.

The current local statutory bodies are listed in **Section 2** of the Annex to this report.

Strategic Partnerships

6. This category comprises Partnerships which the Cabinet has designated as 'strategic' and whose membership Cabinet has agreed should be linked to the

role of Cabinet Member/s and not to individually named members. An exception in the past has been the representative on the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership being the representative of the County Council on the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel.

The current strategic partnerships are listed in **Section 3** of the Annex to this report.

Standing Advisory Bodies

7. This category comprises bodies which have been set up on a permanent basis in connection with particular functions. They do not possess executive powers but provide a forum for discussion and liaison. County Council representation is not limited to Cabinet Members.

The current standing advisory bodies are listed in **Section 4** of the Annex to this report.

Informal Member/Officer Working Groups

8. This is a diverse group of informal bodies set up from time to time to assist with the discharge of the responsibilities of the Cabinet. There is a wide variety of form and purpose, from purely internal management tools to inter-authority forums for overseeing issues of common interest. Members and officers share an equal status on these bodies, which are not subject to the access to information rules applying to formal committees and subcommittees; however, some are open to the public and may allow public address at their meetings.
9. These bodies cannot exercise executive functions themselves but provide available forum for discussion of issues outside the formal decision-making processes. Thus, where voting on such groups is permitted this can only be on the basis of an indicative view and cannot in any way bind the body responsible for the ultimate decision.
10. The Corporate Parenting Panel was previously designated a formally constituted Council Committee with political balance reporting to Cabinet. but has reverted to a Member/Officer Working Group and listed in this category.

The informal member / officer working groups are listed in **Section 5** of the Annex to this report.

Strategic Outside Bodies

13. The Cabinet is responsible for appointments to those outside bodies which it has identified as 'strategic' and which have been endorsed as such by the Council.

The strategic outside bodies are listed in **Section 6** of the Annex to this report.

Member Champions

14. Cabinet may appoint Member Champions under Part 1.2 of the Constitution. The current Champions are listed in **Section 7**.

Financial Implications

15. There are no financial implications for this report.

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Legal Implications

16. Appointments to joint committees or working groups that exercise executive functions fall within the remit of the Cabinet.
17. Appointments or nominations to outside bodies are made in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part 3.4 paragraph 1(e)) which gives Cabinet the authority to appoint to a list of external bodies agreed by Council.
18. There are no other specific legal implications arising from this report.

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Annex: Proposed appointments for 2025/26.

Background papers: Nil

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