

COUNCIL

16 NOVEMBER 2022

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make a change to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, to appoint a named alternative member to ANEC Ltd, to make changes to the substitute members on a number of North East Combined Authority (NECA) Committees and to proposed changes to Together for Children Sunderland Limited ("TfC") board composition in order to maintain good governance arrangements.
- 1.2 The full list of appointments to committees and outside bodies will be published on the Council's website in the Yearbook at <https://committees.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm15/PublicDocuments.aspx> following the meeting.

2.0 Licensing and Regulatory Committee

- 2.1 A request has been received from the Majority Group for Councillor T. Dodds to take the place of Councillor D. Wilson on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

3.0 ANEC Ltd. Representation

- 3.1 At the Annual Council meeting, the Leader of the Council's appointment to ANEC Ltd. was reaffirmed. This involves attending meetings of the Leaders' and Elected Mayors' Group and also the Resources Task and Finish Group.
- 3.2 Each member on ANEC Ltd. has a named alternative member to act as a substitute at meetings.
- 3.3 The Leader of the Council has requested that the Deputy Leader and Clean, Green City Portfolio Holder, Councillor Rowntree, be nominated as his named alternative on ANEC Ltd.

4.0 North East Combined Authority (NECA) Committees.

- 3.1 A request has been received from the Conservative Group to make a number of changes to their substitute members on the following NECA Committees:-

Audit and Standards Committee

Substitute – to replace Councillor Doyle with Councillor Mann

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Substitute – to replace Councillor Doyle with Councillor S. Johnston

North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Substitute – to replace Councillor Doyle with Councillor Mann

5.0 Together for Children Sunderland Limited (“TfC”)

- 5.1 There are currently five independent Non-Executive Directors¹ (including the Chair) (“NEIDs”) on the Board of TfC:

Name	Term End
Paul Moffat (Chair)	31 March 2023
Denise Exley	31 December 2022
David Gallagher	30 November 2022
Catherine Hearne	31 March 2023
Steven Mason	31 March 2023

- 5.2 Board Members Paul Moffat and David Gallagher have expressed an intention to resign from the Board at the end of their term.
- 5.3 In order to maintain continuity, it is proposed to extend the terms of office of Ms Exley, Ms Hearne and Mr Mason to 31 March 2024. This timescale is co-terminus with the end of the initial period of the Service Delivery Contract between the Council and TfC.
- 5.4 In addition, a recruitment process has commenced for a new Chair of the Board. Given the “Outstanding” judgement on TfC in 2021 and the subsequent enhanced reputation, it is not proposed to use a recruitment agency for this exercise but adopt a careful placement of advertisements blended with proactive social media usage.
- 5.5 It should be noted that the appointment of the Chair of the Board is now the responsibility of the Council, rather than the Department for Education, following the revocation of the Direction and the “Outstanding” judgement.
- 5.6 A further report will therefore be submitted to Full Council in due course regarding the proposed appointment of a replacement Chair. Further, once a new Chair has been appointed, a separate recruitment process will then be undertaken for the remaining independent non-executive director position.

¹ In addition to two Council officer Non-Executive Directors

6.0 Recommendations

6.1 The Council is accordingly invited to:-

- (i) approve the appointment of Councillor T. Dodds to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee in place of Councillor D. Wilson;
- (ii) approve the nomination of the Deputy Leader and Clean, Green City Portfolio Holder, Councillor Rowntree, as the Leader of the Council's named alternative on ANEC Ltd;
- (iii) approve the nomination of Councillor Mann to replace Councillor Doyle on the NECA Audit and Standards Committee;
- (iv) approve the nomination of Councillor S. Johnston to replace Councillor Doyle on the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- (v) approve the nomination of Councillor Mann to replace Councillor Doyle on the North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- (vi) in respect of Together for Children Limited to:-
 - (a) approve the extensions to the NEID term of Ms Exley, Ms Hearne and Mr Mason to 31 March 2024: and
 - (b) note the commencement of a recruitment process for a new Chair for TfC and to receive a further report in due course regarding this proposed appointment.

