



## **REGULATORY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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| <b>REPORT TITLE:</b> | <b>APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO<br/>THE NORTH WESTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND<br/>CONSERVATION AUTHORITY</b> |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b>    | <b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>  |

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee to appoint a Committee Member to the membership of the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and note the Terms of Reference approved by Council.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Regulatory and General Purposes Committee be recommended to:

- (1) note the Terms of Reference of the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee as referred to in paragraph 1.1 of this report.
- (2) appoint one of their number to represent with immediate effect Wirral Borough Council on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority and any sub-committee of that Authority for the municipal year 2022-2023.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 The Terms of Reference of the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee as contained in the Constitution (approved by Council on 25 May 2022), paragraph 8.2(c) requires the Committee to fulfil all of those functions, more particularly described as set out at Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended), and associated matters, including but not limited to “functions relating to sea fisheries”.
- 1.2 At the Council meeting held on 6 September 2021 (minute 32) it was resolved that the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee be given delegated authority to appoint one of their Members to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 The terms of reference of the Regulatory and General Purposes Committee, and the relevant rules of procedure are set out within the Constitution of the Council. As such no other options can be considered.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NWIFCA) was formed in 2011 “to lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry”.
- 3.2 The NWIFCA district spans 850km of coastline, reaching from the Welsh Border in the Dee Estuary to the Scottish Border in the Solway Firth. The area covered includes coastal Councils landward areas and sea areas up to 6 nautical miles off shore.
- 3.3 The Authority has thirty members. Ten members come from the constituent councils. Seventeen members are appointed by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). There are three statutory seats for the MMO, the Environment Agency and Natural England.
- 3.4 The Authority produces an Annual Plan setting out priorities and monitoring information which Members can find at <https://www.nw-ifca.gov.uk/app/uploads/2020-12-10-Agenda-Item-17-Annual-Plan2021-22.pdf>.
- 3.5 The North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority’s Constitution can be found here <https://www.nw-ifca.gov.uk/app/uploads/NWIFCA-CONSTITUTION-MARCH-2022.doc.pdf>

3.6 In light of the Committee's Terms of Reference the Committee is required to appoint a Member of this Committee to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.

3.7 Once appointed to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority the attendance by the elected Member has been designated as an approved duty.

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

#### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

#### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 There is a requirement under the Council's Constitution that the Council shall appoint Members to outside organisations.

#### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 It is for Members of the Committee to decide who they wish to allocate to this outside body.

#### **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. This report has no impact on equalities.

#### **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no Environment and Climate Implications arising directly from this report.

#### **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

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**APPENDICES**

None

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The Council's Constitution: Part 3B Committee Terms of Reference.

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

| <b>Council Meeting</b>     | <b>Date</b>             |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Council AGM Meeting</b> | <b>25 May 2022</b>      |
| <b>Council</b>             | <b>6 September 2021</b> |
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