

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  
**7 November 2018**

**Subject Heading:**

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER  
ORGANISATIONS, 2018/19**

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**Policy context:**

**The Council appoints Members and  
others to serve on a variety of other  
bodies**

**Financial summary:**

**There are no significant financial  
implications.**

**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council  
Objectives**

Communities making Havering  
Places making Havering  
Opportunities making Havering  
Connections making Havering

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**SUMMARY**

The Council makes appointments to a large number of other organisations, some statutory, others voluntary.

Since the new executive governance arrangements came into force, responsibility for making some appointments has passed from this Committee to the Leader of the Council but the Constitution provides that in the case of non-executive appointments, it is for this Committee to make decisions

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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That the Committee:

1. In respect of the Sight Action Havering Committee, **APPOINT** a representative for the next Municipal Year .
2. In respect of the Romford Combined Charity, **APPOINT** two nominative Trustees to serve until 3 November 2022.

<b>REPORT DETAIL</b>
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**1. SIGHT ACTION HAVERING COMMITTEE:**

- 1.1 Sight Action Havering is a registered charity and has been operating in the Borough for almost twenty years.
- 1.2 The Committee meets at Yew Tree Lodge four or five times per year and provides a major support service to those at risk of, or living with, sight loss.

The Charity is totally funded from donations and provides the information and advice service at Queens Hospital. In addition, advice services and a telephone support line are available at the Talking Newspaper Studio in Harold Wood where the Charity is based.

The aging population of the Borough, and the link to aging and sight loss, has seen an increase in demand for services residents.

- 1.3 The Council has received a request to appoint a Member representative to the Committee. The appointment is for one year in the first instance.

**2. ROMFORD COMBINED CHARITY:**

- 2.1 The Romford Combined Charity is a small, local charity that makes grants for the relief of poverty. It has seven Trustees: one *ex officio Chair*, the Vicar of St Edward's C of E Church, Romford; four nominative, appointed for four year terms by the Council; and two co-optative, who are co-opted for five year terms by the other five Trustees.

- 2.2 The terms of office of two of the nominative Trustees, Wendy Brice-Thompson and Councillor Dilip Patel expired on 3 November 2018. Both are eligible for re-appointment and both have indicated that they wish to continue as Trustees. Mrs Brice-Thompson and Councillor Patel have been Trustees since November 2014 and keen to further their involvement with the charity. It should be noted that Trustees need not be a Member of the Council.
- 2.3 The remaining nominative Trustees are Councillor Melvin Wallace (appointed until November 2019) and Councillor Joshua Chapman (appointed until November 2020)

### **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

#### **Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks**

There are no specific implications or risks. Appointments should be made with the Council's equalities policies in mind.

#### **Legal, Finance and Environmental Implications and Risks**

These appointments are administrative and have no direct legal, financial or environmental implications or risks. In some cases, membership of an organisation is dependent upon the Council paying a subscription: where relevant, the subscription will be met from within an appropriate budget provision.

Members who sit on outside bodies will need to consider whether (a) they are required to register their interests with the Council and, where appropriate, declare the interests at meetings and (b) seek advice when they are potentially involved in Council decisions that may affect the outside body. As there is no remuneration for the appointments, they are very unlikely to be discloseable pecuniary interests. Trustee status means that the trustee must always act in the best interests of the trust. The Monitoring Officer is available to provide advice as and when necessary.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None