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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm

Wednesday 1 November 2017 Town Hall, Main Road, Romford

Members 13: Quorum 5

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group (5)

Meg Davis (Chairman) Melvin Wallace (Vice-Chair) Roger Ramsey

Damian White Osman Dervish **Residents' Group (**3)

Ray Morgon Barbara Matthews Barry Mugglestone

East Havering Residents' Group 2

Clarence Barrett Darren Wise

UKIP Group

Lawrence Webb

Independent Residents' Group **(1)**

David Durant

Labour Group (1)

Keith Darvill

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AGENDA ITEMS

1 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(If any) - receive

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to disclose any interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still disclose any interest in any item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

- 4 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION (MO NUMBER 12) (Pages 1 4)
- **5** APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2017/18 (Pages 5 8)

Andrew Beesley Head of Democratic Services

Agenda Item 4



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

1 November 2017

Subject Heading: MONITORING OFFICER NO 12
AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONSTITUTION

Report Author and contact details: Kathryn Robinson Deputy Director Legal

& Governance & Monitoring Officer Kathryn.Robinson@onesource.co.uk

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Policy context: Monitoring Officer Amendments to the

Constitution

Financial summary:

These changes are purely procedural and have no specific financial implications

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

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for [x]
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community [x]
Residents will be proud to live in Havering [x]

SUMMARY

Part 2 Article 11.02(c) of the Constitution authorises the Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution to correct errors or to comply with any legal requirement or to reflect organisational changes to the Council's structure.

The constitution provides that this committee must be notified of any such amendment at the first reasonable opportunity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

The detailed changes to be made to the Constitution appended to this report be noted.

REPORT DETAIL

- 1. The Monitoring Officer has the ability to make limited amendments to the Constitution as set out in the summary above.
- 2. The amendment picks up a legislative change.
- 3. The meeting of this committee is the first opportunity for the reporting of the most recent amendments made and the committee is requested accordingly to note the amendments made.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None

Legal implications and risks:

The Constitution provides for the Monitoring Officer to make certain amendments to the constitution in given situations and these amendments are pursuant to and in accordance with those powers. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources implications and risks: None

Equalities implications and risks: None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Notification No. 12 Date 18 September 2017

Notification of amendments to the constitution

Amendments made by the Monitoring Officer

Part 2, Article 11.02(c) of the constitution provides that the Monitoring Officer has a limited authority to amend the constitution. The Monitoring Officer is authorised to amend the constitution to correct errors or to comply with any legal requirement or to reflect organisational changes to the Council's structure. The Governance Committee must be notified of any such amendment at the first reasonable opportunity.

In accordance with this authority, the Monitoring Officer gives notice of the following amendments to the constitution.

Part and article/ section	Page ref	Substance of amendment / amended wording	Reason for amendment
Part 3 Appendix A Enactments enforceable by Assistant Director Environment, the Public Protection Manager, and any of the Public Protection Divisional Managers	116	Trading Standards Section, Part 3, page 116 which refers to the Consumer Rights Act 1985. It should read Consumer Rights Act 2015.	Legislation Change





GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 1st NOVEMBER 2017

Subject Heading:	APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2017/18
SLT Lead:	Kathryn Robinson Monitoring Officer 01708 432242
Report Author and contact details:	Jacqui Barr Senior Democratic Services Support Officer jacqui.barr@onesource.co.uk 01708 432439
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

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	[X]
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	[]
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	[]

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

 Decide the council appointment to Tapestry (Havering) given the reduction in council representation from 2 to 1.

REPORT DETAIL

1. TAPESTRY (HAVERING)

The Council appoints two Members annually to represent Havering on the Board of Tapestry (formerly Age Concern). The current appointees are Councillor June Alexander, who has sat on the Board since June 2002 and Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Health, who has sat on the Board since September 2015.

The Chair of Trustees recently wrote to request that the number of representatives appointed to the Board be reduced from two to one, to reflect the decline in the value and number of contracts that Tapestry now delivers for the Council.

Members are advised to consider the position and decide which Councillor is best placed to continue in the role .

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.

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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

