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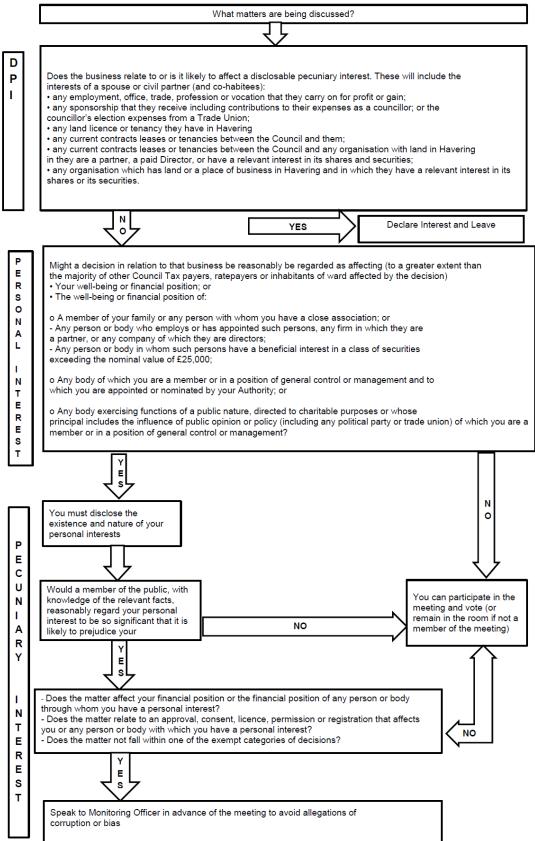


GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

7.30 pm	Thursday 20 May 2021	Council Chamber - Town Hall
Members 12: Quorum 4		
COUNCILLORS:		
Conservative Group (6)	Residents' Group (2)	Upminster & Cranham Residents'Group (1)
Robert Benham Joshua Chapman Roger Ramsey Damian White (Vice-Chair) Viddy Persaud Ciaran White (Chairman)	Ray Morgon Barry Mugglestone	Linda Hawthorn
Independent Residents' Group (1)	Labour Group (1)	North Havering Residents Group (1)
David Durant	Keith Darvill	Martin Goode

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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 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee held on 31 March 2021, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

5 **APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS** (Pages 5 - 20)

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Agenda Item 4

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE Town Hall, Main Road, Romford 31 March 2021 (7.30 - 8.00 pm)

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group	Robert Benham, Joshua Chapman, Roger Ramsey, Damian White (Vice-Chair), Ciaran White (Chairman) and Timothy Ryan
Residents' Group	Ray Morgon and Barry Mugglestone
Upminster & Cranham Residents' Group	Linda Hawthorn
Independent Residents Group	David Durant
Labour Group	Keith Darvill
North Havering Residents Group	Martin Goode

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors . Councillor Viddy Persaud sent apologies and was substituted by Councillor Tim Ryan.

The Chairman reminded Members of the virtual meetings protocol.

13 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

14 MINUTES

The minutes of the Governance Committee held on 13 January 2021 were agreed and signed (electronically) by the Chair of the Committee as a true record of the same.

15 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Mr Abdus Choudhury, Monitoring Officer for the London Borough of Havering presented the report to the Committee, detailing the recommendation to appoint three further trustees to the Board of the Hornchurch Housing Trust. The Hornchurch Housing Trust is a registered charity that administers and manages alms-house accommodation in the parish of Hornchurch. The Trust also has a portfolio of commercial and residential properties. The Council appoints a number of nominative trustees to the Trust for a fouryear term of office expiring in sequence over each four-year period.

The term of office of both Councillor Damian White and Councillor Carol Smith expired in February 2021. Councillor Damian White has indicated that he wishes to step down, having served on the Board since March 2017. Councillor Carol Smith is eligible for re-appointment and wishes to continue in the role of Trustee. Councillor Smith has been a Trustee since September 2015. In addition, Councillor Joshua Chapman has indicated that he wishes to resign from the Board, leaving a vacancy until February 2023.

Eligibility for appointment to the Board comes from residence in or special connection to the Borough. Two candidates had been put forward by the Trust for appointment by the Committee as specified under the Council's constitution. It was noted that appointments do not have to be Members of the Council.

The remaining nominative Trustees are Councillor John Mylod and Councillor Nic Dodin (appointed until February 2022) and Councillor Melvin Wallace (appointed until February 2023).

Councillor Ray Morgon put forward a motion that Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan be considered for appointment to the Trust. This motion was seconded by Councillor Barry Mugglestone.

Councillor Damian White indicated some history of the Trust. He had served on the Board as trustee for a number of years and it was agreed that there be a process of modernisation in the governance of the Trust. Following advice and support from other organisations and lawyers it had been decided to recruit trustees with a particular expertise in housing to assist the Trust who have a substantial portfolio of property.

The Trust had undertaken a full skills audit of the trustees and following a robust recruitment programme the two nominations were put forward, namely Mr Peter Salisbury and Mr Roger Evans. Members had sight of CV's for these candidates as part of the agenda pack.

There was discussion regarding the role of the Committee in this process. Authority for the Governance Committee to make these appointments comes from the Council's Constitution. There is a provision for an ex officio appointment to the Trust by the local diocese.

Both Councillors D White and J Chapman indicated that they had been happy to stand aside to allow the appointments to come through of Trustees with specific housing expertise. The two proposed candidates had exceptional housing experience. The trust had taken advice on this from external lawyers through OneSource and the Alms-House Association together with other professionals including the Council's Director of Housing.

Councillor Ray Morgon expressed concern regarding the links proposed nominees had with the Administration Group recommended Councillor O'Sullivan as an alternative nominee who would not be so connected.

Following further discussion a vote was taken as to the **proposed motion that Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan be put forward as a nominee**.

Councillors voting in favour were:

Councillors Hawthorne, Durant, Mugglestone, Darvill and Morgon (5).

Councillors voting against were:

Councillors C White, D White, Ramsey, Benham, Chapman and Ryan (6).

Councillor Goode abstained.

The motion was not carried 6 votes to 5.

The Governance Committee then proceeded to the vote on the recommendation within the report to:

1. **APPOINT** three Trustees to the Board, one to serve until February 2023 and two to serve until February 2025.

<u>Councillors</u> Ryan, C White, D White, Ramsey, Benham, Chapman and Goode voted in **FAVOUR** (7).

<u>Councillors</u> Hawthorn, Durant, Darvill, Mugglestone and Morgon voted **AGAINST** (5).

Governance Committee:

AGREED by majority vote to appoint three Trustees to the Board, Cllr Carol Smith until February 2023 and both Peter Salisbury and Roger Evans to February, 2025.

Chairman

Governance Committee, 31 March 2021

Agenda Item 5



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 20th May 2021

Subject Heading:	APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2021/2022
SLT Lead:	Abdus Choudhury Deputy Director, Legal Services 01708 432741
Report Author and contact details:	Jacqui Barr Senior Democratic Services Support Officer jacqui.barr@havering.gov.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

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 it is for this Committee to make recommendations to the Leader.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

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- (a) The Committee determine appointments to the organisations referred to in this report for the period until the meeting that deals with appointments for the municipal year, 2022/2023 (or such other period as may be relevant in any specific case).
 - (b) Where the appointment is executive, the Committee **RECOMMEND** to the Leader that the appointment be made.
- 2 Where the Council's representative (or any deputy or alternative representative where applicable) is unable to attend a particular meeting and the constitutional arrangements of the body in question so permit, that representative may mandate the Chair of the meeting to exercise a proxy vote.
- 3 The Council's voting rights at the General Assembly of the Local Government Association be exercised by the Leader of the Council (4 votes, or his respective nominee in the event he is unable to vote in person).

REPORT DETAIL

- 1.1 The Committee is authorised to make all appointments to other organisations (other than executive appointments, which are made by the Leader). Appointments are for the period expiring at the first meeting of this Committee in the municipal year 2022/23 (probably during the last week of May 2022), except where otherwise specifically provided.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 Executive appointments. The Committee is asked to review the appointments and to make recommendations to the Leader.
- 1.3 **Appendix 2** lists the appointments made by office-held and by individual member, but are not executive. The number of appointees required for each organisation is indicated in brackets. **The Committee is asked to review these appointments and agree what changes are to be made.**
- 1.4 Appointments that do not require review or renewal for the present are shown in italics. **The Committee is asked to note these appointments.**

2. Exercise of voting rights:

- 2.1 In some cases, the constitution of an organisation permits the casting of proxy votes if the appointed representative is unable to attend a meeting.
- 2.2 In order to avoid a possible loss of influence, it is the Council's usual practice to agree that, where the Council's representative (or any deputy or alternative representative where applicable) is unable to attend a particular meeting and the constitutional arrangements of the body in question so permit, that representative may mandate the Chair of the meeting to exercise a proxy vote.

2.3 The Committee is asked to agree to that practice continuing for the coming year.

- 2.4 The Council is entitled to 5 votes in the General Assembly of the Local Government Association. Previously, the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition were allocated 4 votes and 1 vote each respectively. At the meeting of Governance Committee on 12th August 2020, it was agreed that all 5 votes should be cast by the Leader.
- 2.5 The Committee is asked to confirm the arrangement for the forthcoming year.

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

- 3.1 The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) consists of Members nominated partly by local authorities that border the River Lee and partly by London Councils on behalf of the remaining London local authorities (all of which contribute to the funding of the LVRPA).
- 3.2 The LVRPA has requested a nomination for a term of office to begin on 1 July 2021 be made to London Councils. The decision as to which non-riparian councils are represented on the Park Authority is made by London Councils and it will be to London Councils that this nomination will be sent. A job description outlining the requirements for the role is appended to this report as Appendix 3.
- 3.3 It should be noted that the appointment is personal rather than Executive and dependent upon the Council's nomination being formally accepted by London Councils.
- 3.4 The Committee is requested to nominate a Member for consideration by London Councils to be appointed to the LVRPA.

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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

PPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2021/22

ORGANISATION AND NUMBER OF APPOINTEES	EXECUTIVE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS
CEME (Centre for Engineering & Manufacturing Excellence) - 1	Director of Regeneration Programme Delivery
East London Waste Authority - 2	Cllr Osman Dervish and Cllr Robert Benham
East London Waste Authority Board (officer)	Director of Neighbourhoods
London Councils (Leaders' Committee)	Representative (1): Leader of the Council – <i>CIIr Damian White</i> Deputy: (1) Deputy Leader of the Council – <i>CIIr Robert Benham</i> (2) <i>CIIr Roger Ramsey</i>
Transport & Environment Committee	Representative (1): Cllr Osman Dervish Deputies (up to 4): Cllr Jason Frost Cllr Viddy Persaud Cllr Robert Benham Cllr Roger Ramsey
Grants Committee	Representative (1): Cllr Viddy Persaud
	Deputy (up to 4): Cllr Jason Frost

Appointments to other organisations, 2021/22

Pensions CIV (Sectorial Joint Committee)	Representative (1): Chairman of Pensions Committee – Cllr John Crowder
	Deputy (up to 2): Cllr Jason Frost and Cllr Joshua Chapman
Greater London Employment Forum	Representative (1): Cllr Robert Benham
	Deputy Representative (1): Cllr Viddy Persaud
Newable (formerly Greater London Enterprise Limited) -1	Leader of the Council – <i>CIIr Damian White</i>
London Riverside (BID) Ltd	Representative (1): Deputy Leader of the Council – Cllr Robert Benham
Thames Gateway Strategic Group	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment - CIIr Damian White and CIIr Osman Dervish

ORGANISATION AND NUMBER OF APPOINTEES	MEMBER APPOINTED (Non Executive Appointments)	COMMENTS AND NOTES
Adoption & Permanency Panel-2	Cllr Christine Smith and Cllr Robert Benham	
Citizens Advice Havering - 2	CIIr Michael Deon Burton and VACANCY	
Coopers Company & Coborn Educational Foundation	Cllr Chris Wilkins	
Essex Wildlife Trust	Cllr Ray Best	
(Bedfords Park Management Committee)		
Governor Panel - 3	Cllr Robert Benham, Cllr Viddy Persaud and Cllr Paul McGeary	
Havering Arts Council - 5	Clir Jason Frost, Clir Tim Ryan, Clir Joshua Chapman, Clir Christine Vickery and Clir. Carol Smith	

ORGANISATION AND NUMBER OF APPOINTEES	MEMBER APPOINTED (Non Executive Appointments)	COMMENTS AND NOTES
Havering Association for People with Disabilities - 2	Cllr Christine Smith and Cllr Sally Miller	
Havering Bands and Majorettes Association- Executive Committee - 3	Cllr Reg Whitney, Cllr Osman Dervish and Cllr Denis O'Flynn	
Havering Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Cllr Jason Frost	
Havering Children's Trust	Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Families – Cllr Robert Benham	
Havering Community Safety Partnership – 2	Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety – Cllr Viddy Persaud the Chief Executive – Andrew Blake-Herbert	
Havering Joint Forum - 6	Leader of the Council – Cllr Damian White, Deputy Leader of the Council – Cllr Robert Benham, Leader of the Opposition Group – Cllr Ray Morgon Cllr Michael White Cllr Linda Hawthorn Cllr Keith Darvill	

ORGANISATION AND NUMBER OF APPOINTEES	MEMBER APPOINTED (Non Executive Appointments)	COMMENTS AND NOTES
Havering Local Board (formerly Havering Sixth Form College & Havering College of Further and Higher Education)- 1	Cllr Sally Miller (until October 2024)	
Havering Sports Council - 5	Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety – Cllr Viddy Persaud, Cllr Ciaran White, Cllr Sally Miller, Cllr Dilip Patel and Cllr. Timothy Ryan	
Havering Theatre Trust - 3	Cllr Melvin Wallace, Cllr. Christine Smith and Cllr Paul McGeary	
Hornchurch Housing Trust (Nomination Trustees) - 6	Clir John Mylod and Clir Nic Dodin (until February 2022) Clir Carol Smith and Clir Melvin Wallace (until February 2023) Mr Roger Evans and Mr Peter Salisbury (until February 2025)	Cllr Smith , Mr Evans and Mr Salisbury's appointments agreed at Governance on 31.03.21

MEMBER APPOINTED (Non Executive Appointments)	COMMENTS AND NOTES
Leader of the Council – Cllr Damian White, Councillor Osman Dervish Councillor Robert Benham Councillor Michael White	
Councillor Robert Benham	
Cabinet Member for Environment – Cllr Osman Dervish	
Cllr Robert Benham and Cllr Osman Dervish	
Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety – Cllr Viddy Persaud	
Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Families (Cllr Robert Benham) and Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Osman Dervish) appointed till November 2023)	Agreed at Governance on 14.11.19
	 (Non Executive Appointments) Leader of the Council – Cllr Damian White, Councillor Osman Dervish Councillor Robert Benham Councillor Michael White Councillor Robert Benham Cabinet Member for Environment – Cllr Osman Dervish Cllr Robert Benham and Cllr Osman Dervish Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety – Cllr Viddy Persaud Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Families (Cllr Robert Benham) and Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Osman Dervish) appointed till

ORGANISATION AND NUMBER OF APPOINTEES	MEMBER APPOINTED (Non Executive Appointments)	COMMENTS AND NOTES
North East London NHS Foundation Trust – 1	Director of Adult Services – Barbara Nicholls	
Poyntz (a.ka. Richard Poyntry's) and other charities	Cllr Linda Hawthorn (until March 2024) Cllr Ron Ower (until March 2024)	Cllr Ower's appointment agreed by Governance on 13 January 2021
Relate North East - 2 Reserve Forces & Cadets Association -1	Cllr Viddy Persaud and Cllr Carol Smith Cllr John Mylod	
Romford Town Management Partnership	Cllr Robert Benham and Cllr Joshua Chapman	
Romford Combined Charity <u>Nominative Trustees</u> – 2	Mrs Wendy Brice Thompson and Councillor Dilip Patel (until 3.11.22) Councillor Melvin Wallace (until 3.11.23)	Cllr Wallace's appointment agreed by Governance on 14 November 2019.
	Councillor Joshua Chapman (until 3.11.24)	Cllr Chapman's appointment agreed by Governance on 13 January 2021
Safer Neighbourhood Board	Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety – Cllr Viddy Persaud	

ORGANISATION AND NUMBER OF APPOINTEES	MEMBER APPOINTED (Non Executive Appointments)	COMMENTS AND NOTES
Sight Action Havering	Cllr Christine Smith	
Standing Advisory Council for Religious	Cllr Philippa Crowder, Cllr Judith Holt, Cllr Osman	
Education (SACRE) - 5	Dervish, Cllr Jason Frost and Cllr Viddy Persaud	
Tenant Management Organisations - 3	BETRA (Gooshays) – Cllr Paul McGeary	
	DELTA (Squirrels Heath)- Cllr Melvin Wallace	
	PETRA (St Andrews') – Cllr John Mylod	
Veolia ES Cleanaway Havering Riverside	Cllr Robert Benham	
Trust - 1		
Wennington Quarry Community Liaison	Clir Paul McGeary	
Committee- 1 (until May 2022)		



30 April 2021

Mr A Blake-Herbert London Borough of Havering Town Hall Main Road Romford RM1 3BD

Dear Mr Blake-Herbert

Lee Valley Regional Park Act 1966 – Appointment of Members

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2(4)(a) of the Local Government Reorganisation (Miscellaneous Provision) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986 No. 1), it is now necessary for eight Members to be appointed to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority by the non-riparian councils for a term of four years from 1 July 2021. Non-riparian councils are defined in Section 2(4)(c) of the Order as London councils other than the councils of the boroughs of Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest.

All non-riparian Members currently appointed to the Park Authority will cease to hold office on 30 June 2021.

In order to assist you with the appointment process please find enclosed a Park Authority Member Job Description. Our website, www.leevalleypark.org.uk, will also provide you with an insight into the Park Authority.

The decision as to which non-riparian councils are represented on the Park Authority is Your council's nomination should be made directly to made by London Councils. Alan Edwards, Governance Manager, London Councils, 591/2 Southwark Street, London, SE1 OAL, email Alan.e@londoncouncils.gov.uk, phone 020 7934 9911, by 1 June 2021 with copy Sandra а to Bertschin at the Park Authority, email committee@leevalleypark.org.uk, phone 01992 709806.

The new representatives' first meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 8 July 2021 at 2.00pm at Lee Valley White Water Centre. Members of the Park Authority meet through a series of committees and full Authority meetings which are generally held on a Thursday during the day. These meetings are open to the public for non-confidential items.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Sandra Bertsch

Sandra Bertschin Committee & Members Services Manager

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to: Cllr Damian White, Leader of the Council Mr A Edwards, London Councils

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Member Job Description

Purpose of the role

The overall purpose of the Chairman and Members is to ensure the efficient, effective and accountable governance of the Authority and to provide leadership and direction for the organisation as a whole. The primary purpose of the role of the Member is to work with the Chairman, Chief Executive and other Members to discharge the functions of the Authority and to steer and champion the management of the Authority so that it delivers benefits to the taxpayers of London, Essex and Herts.

The Authority can only achieve its aims effectively if the decisions it takes balance local and regional needs across the regional park as a whole, take full account of the statutory purpose of the Authority and lead to realistic actions. As a Member of the Authority you will be expected to tackle a wide range of demanding responsibilities, balancing national policies, service requirements and local expectations.

Objectives of the role

- Use your skills, experience, local, regional and national knowledge for the benefit of the Authority;
- Act with independent and objective judgement;
- To participate collectively in the development of policy direction, strategic thinking and innovation within the Authority, through the development of management policy, business plans and participation in the activities of the Authority's committee structure;
- To scrutinise objectively the workings and policies of the Authority;
- Be committed to working in the best interests of the Authority;
- Influence the Authority to help it come to informed and balanced decisions;
- Seek clarification of policy and action proposals if appropriate;
- Challenge proposals that exceed or go against the statutory purposes of the Authority;
- Accept collective responsibility for the decisions of the Authority;
- Approve and monitor programmes to implement the Authority's policies;
- Be an ambassador for the Authority promoting its activities and ambition in your own borough and beyond.

Key functions of the role

 Attend and contribute to regular meetings of the Authority, and where appointed to, its committees and task & finish groups and raise issues of concern through the established procedures and mechanisms adopted by the Authority;

- Read, understand and seek clarification where necessary of briefing material provided for meetings so that you will be properly prepared for any debate on various issues;
- Champion and represent the Authority, increasing public understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities;
- Attend briefing sessions and events arranged by the Authority.

General information on the role

- Meetings are usually held on the third Thursday per month during the day

 it is aimed to hold all necessary meetings on the same day. The day can
 be rather long but we believe it is best to make the most of Members time,
 especially as some Members have to travel some distance, so having all
 meetings on one day allows diaries to be planned.
- Task & Finish Groups/Panels sometimes meet out of this time but only if necessary and relevant Members are consulted before the meeting date and time is set.
- Appointments to committees, panels and task & finish groups are made by the full Authority at the Annual General Meeting which is held in July. Appointments are also made during the year when vacancies arise. The Authority tries where possible to adhere to the political makeup of the Authority when appointing to committees etc.
- The period of office lasts for 4 years, all members starting and ending at the same time – current term of office is 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021. The next term of office will commence on 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2025. Membership ceases immediately on resignation or if a Member ceases to be an elected member of their council.
- The meetings of the Authority are regulated by Standing Orders agreed by the Authority and a copy is given to every Member of the Authority.
- Members of the Authority need to claim from their own council for any expenses (travel and subsistence) incurred in attending meetings.