



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2014/15

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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

Clean, safe and green borough	[x]
Excellence in education and learning	[x]
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	[x]
Value and enhance the life of every individual	[x]
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	[x]

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:

- 1 (a) That 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, 2014/15 (or such other period as may be relevant in any specific case).
- (b) That, where the appointment is executive, the Committee **RECOMMEND** to the Leader that the appointment be made.
- 2 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.
- 3 That the Council's voting rights at the General Assembly of the Local Government Association be exercised by Councillor Roger Ramsey (4 votes) and Councillor Clarence Barrett (1 vote) (or their respective nominees in the event either 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 2015/16 (probably during the last week of May 2016), 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 Committee is asked to review these appointments and either confirm them or 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 Leaders of the Council and of the Opposition were allocated 4 votes and 1 vote each respectively.
- 2.5 **The Committee is asked to confirm that this arrangement should continue.**

3. London City Airport Consultative Group:

- 3.1 There are several outside bodies which have member-level representation from London Councils. All nominations to outside bodies are made by the London Councils Leaders' Committee. When he was the Cabinet Member for Environment, Barry Tebbutt was appointed to represent the boroughs of Waltham Forest, Redbridge and Havering on the London City Airport Consultative Committee until April 2015.
- 3.3 Members are appointed for three years (with the exception of those for LBs Newham and Greenwich who are nominated on an annual basis), so it is likely that following the Election in May 2014 Havering will be asked to make a new appointment to replace Barry Tebbutt until April 2015.

4. Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee:

- 4.1 Barry Tebbutt (Cabinet Member for Environment), was appointed via London Councils Environment Committee in November 2010 for a four year period to represent the boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge.
- 4.2 London Councils has indicated that it appears unlikely the nomination will remain with Havering since the political balance on London Councils has changed following the Local Council elections

5. North East London NHS Foundation Trust:

- 5.1 The Council makes a Non-executive appointment to the Board of Governors of the North East London Foundation Trust.
- 5.2 The representative was formerly the Cabinet Member for Individuals, but at the meeting of Governance on 12 March 2014, it was agreed that the Head of Adult Services, Barbara Nicholls should replace the Cabinet Member as the council's representative.
- 5.3 The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to
- (i) **Agree** the change from Member to Officer appointment
- OR**
- (ii) **Retain** the position as a Member appointment.

6. Havering Local Strategic Partnership Board:

- 6.1 Following the removal of the Local Area Agreement national performance framework, it was decided that the meetings of the Havering Local Strategic Partnership would no longer be held. Member representation is therefore no longer required.

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

A number of files are held by Democratic Services which provide information on the organisations to which appointments are being made.