

# **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

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Subject Heading:	APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS 2014/15.
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Policy context:	Not applicable
Financial summary:	There are no financial implications
Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been carried out?	Not applicable

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

Ensuring a clean, safe and green borough	[]
Championing education and learning for all	[X]
Providing economic, social and cultural activity in thriving towns and villages	[]
Valuing and enhancing the lives of our residents	[]
Delivering high customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	[]

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. Since the annual round of nominations was made on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014, there have been a number of revisions to the Outside Bodies appointments and the Committee is now asked to consider these changes.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

- 1 (a) The Committee determine appointments to the organisations referred to in this report for the period until the meeting which deals with appointments for the municipal year, 2015/16 (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.

**REPORT DETAIL** 

## Havering Theatre Trust

- 1. The Council is asked to appoint three members to the Havering Theatre Trust Board on an annual basis.
- 2. At the meeting of the Committee on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2014, Councillor Melvin Wallace, Councillor Gillian Ford and Councillor Patricia Rumble were appointed to serve as Havering's representative on the Board for this Municipal Year.
- 3. Councillor Wallace has now stepped down from this appointment as he considers it might lead to a potential conflict of interest with his role as Cabinet Member for Culture and Community Engagement.
- 4. It is proposed that Councillor Philippa Crowder should replace Councillor Wallace with immediate effect.

The Committee is asked to **confirm** this change of membership.

#### The City Regions Board

- 5. On 26<sup>th</sup> June, the Committee appointed Councillor White and Councillor Barrett to represent the Council on the City Regions Board.
- 6. The City Regions Board has taken over the work of the Local Government Association Urban Commission. New arrangements apply to the membership of the Board and local authorities no longer make direct appointments. There are only 22 places on the new Board and membership is now determined by the political groups at the LGA.
- 7. As a consequence of the new arrangements, the Council cannot appoint directly to the City Regions Board, but must instead make nominations through the LGA.

The Committee is asked to **note** the new arrangements.

#### London City Airport Consultative Group

8. 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. Members are appointed for three years (with the exception of those for LBs Newham and Greenwich who are nominated on an annual basis). Following the Election in May 2014, the nomination has passed to the London Borough of Redbridge and Havering is therefore not required to take any further action.

The Committee is asked to **note** these arrangements

#### Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee:

- 11. Barry Tebbutt (former 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.
- 12. It has now been confirmed that since the political balance on London Councils has changed following the Local Council elections, the nomination will now pass to another Local Authority

The Committee is asked to **note** these arrangements

# **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

#### Human resources implications and risks

No implications or risks for the human resources arise from this report.

#### Equalities implications and risks

No implications or risks for the environment arise from this report

#### Financial implications and risks

No financial implications or risks arise from this report. The Council has no financial commitment to, or responsibility for, the Charity.

#### Legal implications and risks

No legal implications or risks arise from this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS** 

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