



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2015/16

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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

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

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) 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, 2016/17 (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 Councillor Roger Ramsey (4 votes) and Councillor Ray Morgon (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 2016/17 (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. Havering Twinning Educational Association

- 3.1 At the meeting of Governance Committee on 11 March, it was reported that the Havering Twinning Educational Association was to be disbanded, owing to several contributing factors.
- 3.2 In accordance with Charity Commission practice, the Trust will remain a formally constituted body until such time as the accounts have been closed, but Member appointments are no longer required.

4. Vacancies

- 4.1 At present, there is a vacancy for a representative on the Havering Bands and Majorettes Association. The organisation does not meet formally, but has indicated that it would still like to retain its link with the Council and the patronage of a Member appointment.
- 4.2 At the annual meeting of the Governance Committee last year, Councillor Lawrence Webb was appointed to serve as one of the Council's representatives on the Governor Panel. Councillor Webb resigned his position on 1st April 2015 owing to other commitments which prevented him from attending meetings. On 11th March, Governance Committee agreed to consider the vacancy together with the annual appointments to all organisations.

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.