



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
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:

1. In respect of the Romford Combined Charity, **re-appoint Councillor Melvin Wallace** as a nominative trustee of the Committee and note the new Vicar of St Edward's Church of England Romford, the Reverend Mike Powers, will be *ex-officio* Chairman.
2. In respect of the Lucas Children's Play Charity, consider the **re-appointment** of the **Cabinet Member for Children & Learning, Councillor Meg Davis** until November 2019 and the appointment of **either**:
 - a. **Councillor Gillian Ford** as Trustee to the Lucas Children's Play Charity for the term of office expiring in November 2019 (Councillor Ford is nominated by the East Havering Residents' Group)

or

 - b. **Councillor John Mylod** as Trustee to the Lucas Children's Play Charity for the term of office expiring in November 2019. (Councillor Mylod is nominated by the Residents' Group)

REPORT DETAIL

1. THE ROMFORD COMBINED CHARITY:

- 1.1 The Romford Combined Charity is a small, local charity that makes grants for the relief of poverty. It has seven Trustees: one *ex officio*, the Vicar of St Edward's Church of England, Romford, who chairs the Trust; four nominative, appointed for four year terms by the Council; and two members who are co-opted for five year terms by the other five Trustees on the Combined Charity Committee.
- 1.2 The terms of office of one of the nominative Trustees, Councillor Melvin Wallace will expire on 3 November. Councillor Wallace is eligible for re-appointment, but if he is to be replaced, it should be noted that an appointee need not be a Member of the Council.
- 1.3 There is a new incumbent of St Edward's Church of England, Romford, and the Reverend Mike Powers, will take over as Chair of the Committee with immediate effect.

- 1.4 There remains a vacancy for a co-opted member, to be considered by the Romford Combined Charity Committee at its next meeting.

2. THE LUCAS PLAYSITE TRUST:

- 2.1 Under the terms of the Trust, the Council appoints two nominative trustees, who in turn co-opt up to three more trustees.
- 2.2 The Trust was established from the proceeds of the sale of the land comprising a disused play area and its purpose is to use the investment income derived from the proceeds to pay for various improvements to play site facilities across the borough.
- 2.3 Councillors Meg Davis and Linda Hawthorn are the current representatives. Their term of office is due to expire on 30 November 2015. Councillor Davis is happy to be re-appointed as a Trustee for another term of four years, but Councillor Hawthorn wishes to step down.

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.

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

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