

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

**Appointments to Romford Town
Management Partnership**

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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 of the appointments

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 Committee is asked to consider the following appointments to the newly established Romford Town Management Partnership and confirm appointments as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee appoints the following individuals to the Romford Town Management Partnership:

- Councillor Robert Benham
- Councillor Osman Dervish

- Business Development Manager – Economic Development
- Community Safety Team Leader – Community Safety
- Market Manager – Romford Market

REPORT DETAIL

1. The Romford Town Centre Partnership (RTCP) consists of 32 partners. It has been in existence for over 10 years. The group is broadly balanced between private sector members and public sector Members and is supported by a range of council officers.
2. The private sector members represent the five shopping centres: the Liberty, the Brewery, the Mercury, the Quadrant and the Romford Shopping Hall. The Landlords of each centre are also invited to attend.
3. The group is unincorporated although does have terms of reference. It meets quarterly and is chaired on rotation. The core purpose of the group is to act as a discussion forum to facilitate the sharing of information between the core town centre retail drivers and the council.
4. Following a workshop of the Romford Town Centre Partnership in June 2015, the RTCP agreed that:
 - a new structure was required to progress the management of the town centre.
 - its membership needed to include businesses from every sector and become a business-led organisation that can act as both as an independent responsible body and a vehicle for the delivery of projects.
5. The RTCP agreed to change its name to the “*Romford Town Management Partnership*” (RTMP) to reflect this.
6. The new RTMP will harness the combined power of the public and private sector to improve Romford town centre and stimulate prosperity in Romford. The RTMP is structured to more closely relate to the business needs of the Town Centre, and be the engine behind the development of a Business Improvement District for Romford.
7. The Partnership consists of a Board with the following representation:

5 x Shopping Centre Representatives 2 x National Retailers 3 x Independent Retailers 2 x Night Economy businesses 1 x Leisure/hospitality 2 x professional services 1 x office quarter representation	1 x Romford Market 1 x Police, 1 x Community Safety 1 x Economic Development 2 x Member representation
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8. The RTMP was formally established in September 2015 as a successor to the RTCP.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

These appointments are administrative and have no direct costs associated with them. However there will be a time commitment which will need to be managed. If the appointee is then elected to the Executive Management Group the time commitments could become more significant.

Legal implications and risks:

These appointments are administrative and have no direct legal implications or risks.

Human Resources implications and risks:

These appointments will require attendance at meetings of the Partnership which are to be held every 6 weeks. This is an increase in the frequency of the RTCP which were held quarterly.

Equalities implications and risks:

The revised Partnership is more business focussed to reflect the need to have a business led partnership behind the development of a Business Improvement District. As well as the national retailers on the Partnership, 3 independent retailers will be on the Board to ensure it reflects the range of businesses within the town centre.

The appointment of Members to the Partnership is to maintain a wider democratic overview of the work of the Partnership.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Terms of Reference of the Romford Town Management Partnership