

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER
ORGANISATIONS, 2016/17**

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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 2017), 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 Sixth Form College

- 3.1 The Council appoints two members of the Sixth Form College's governing body. Currently, the appointees are the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (by office) and Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson. Councillor Brice-Thompson wishes to continue as a governor and the College are very keen that she should do so.

It is not necessary for the nominee to be a Member of the Council.

- 3.2 The Committee is asked to **NOMINATE two appointees** to the Havering Sixth Form Governing Body Search Committee. The appointments will be for a term of four years, expiring in July 2020 in respect of the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning and September 2020 in respect of Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson.

4. Local Government Information Unit

- 4.1 The Council has recently made the decision to re-join the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU).
As part of the LGIU governance arrangements, Councils are invited to nominate a member to attend the Annual Assembly. In the event of no nomination being received, the Leader of the Council is the default representative.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to **NOMINATE one representative** to attend the LGIU Annual Assembly.

5. Thames Gateway Strategic Group

- 5.1 The Thames Gateway Strategic Group (TGSG) exists to drive forward sustainable economic growth in the Thames Gateway. It brings together senior local authority representatives from Thames Gateway London, North Kent and South Essex together with business leaders and the Minister for the Thames Gateway.

The TGSG is not a formal body. It does not duplicate powers held by the Greater London Authority and London Boroughs or the county, unitary and district councils in Kent and Essex, nor does it hold or spend funds in its own right.

5.2 The Membership of TGSG consists of:

- the Minister for the Thames Gateway
- one leading business representative from each of TG London, South Essex and North Kent.
- four senior local government member representatives from each of TG London, South Essex and North Kent, to be selected by the local authorities concerned (and in London, also by the GLA).
- the Chair of the South East LEP and the Chair of the London LEP

Additionally, London boroughs are invited to attend.

5.3 Membership of this body is an Executive appointment and for the Leader to make appointments.

5.4 The Committee is asked to **NOTE** that Havering's representatives are currently the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and Community Safety (Councillor Osman Dervish).

6. Executive Officer Appointments

6.1 Havering's representative on the Boards of both CEME and ELWA is Andrew Blake-Herbert, the Deputy Chief Executive, Communities and Resources.

6.2 In the light of Mr Blake-Herbert's recent appointment to the post of Chief Executive, the Leader has agreed to appoint Tom Dobrashian, Head of Economic Development to be the Council's representative on the Board of CEME and Steve Moore Head of StreetCare (Interim) to represent the Council at officer level on the Board of ELWA.

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.