



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
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 Joshua Chapman** as a nominative trustee.
2. In respect of Citizens Advice Havering, appoint up to **two nominative Trustees to the Board**.

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 Joshua Chapman will expire on 3 November. Councillor Chapman 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.

2. CITIZENS ADVICE HAVERING:

- 2.1 Each local Citizens Advice service is an independent charity that is run by a Trustee Board comprising of volunteers. Operational management is delegated to the Chief Officer, but it is the Board that decides on the strategy of the service and monitors its operation.
- 2.2 The Trustee Board is keen to have councillor representation in order to build an effective relationship with the Local Authority and to help promote the importance of a free information, advice and advocacy service for local residents. Ideally, representatives should have an interest in the voluntary sector.
- 2.3 The Council has received a request for up to two Member representatives to sit as co-opted Trustees on the Board. The terms of office will run for three years from the date of the meeting of the Trustee Board at which

they were appointed. The Articles of Association of the Havering Citizens Advice Bureaux (signed 2006) is available from Democratic Services.

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.