

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**28 June 2017**

**Subject Heading:**

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER  
ORGANISATIONS, 2017/18**

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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**

Communities making Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Places making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connections making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **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, 2017/18 (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 2017/18 (probably during the last week of May 2018), 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. Lee Valley Park Regional Authority**

- 3.1 In accordance with the provisions of Section 2 (4) (a) of the Local Government Reorganisation (Miscellaneous Provision) Order 1986 (S.I 1986 No 1), it is necessary for eight members to be appointed to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority by the non- riparian Councils for a term of four years from 1 July 2017.
- 3.2 **This appointment is made by London Councils directly and the Committee is asked to make a nomination only**

**4. Executive Officer Appointments**

- 4.1 Havering's representative on the Board of CEME was Tom Dobrashian, Head of Economic Development.
- 4.2 Now that Mr Dobrashian has left the Council, **the Committee is asked to confirm** that he should be replaced by Steve Moore, Director of Neighbourhoods, as the Council's representative on the Board of CEME.

**5. Hornchurch Housing Trust**

- 5.1 The Council appoints a number of nominative trustees to the Trust for four year terms of office expiring in sequence over each four year period.
- 5.2 Councillor John Wood has resigned from the Trust and a vacancy has arisen for the term of office expiring in February 2019.
- 5.3 Jeremy Munday is a Chartered Accountant and has professional experience in both Financial and HR management as well as in running small businesses. The Hornchurch Housing Trust would like to propose that Mr Munday replaces Councillor Wood, as they believe he would prove a useful addition to the Board.

**6. Organisations No Longer Requiring Appointment**

During the course of the year, several organisations either ceased to operate or no longer require the Committee to make appointments. These are IESE Ltd, The Joint Overview & Scrutiny East London Solutions Committee and the Upminster Windmill Preservation Trust.

**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**

None .