



# GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

17 January 2011

# REPORT

**Subject Heading:**

**APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIVE  
TRUSTEE OF ROMFORD COMBINED  
CHARITY**

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**Policy context:**

None applicable

**Financial summary:**

There are no financial implications

## The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Romford Combined Charity is a small, local charity which makes grants for the relief of poverty etc. It has seven Trustees: one *ex officio* - the Vicar of St Edward's CofE Church, Romford (who chairs the Trustees); four nominative - appointed for four year terms by the Council; and two co-optative - who are co-opted for five year terms by the other five Trustees.

The term of office of Councillor Osman Dervish, who succeeded Ms Christine Hunnabale (a former Clerk of the Trustees), has expired. Councillor Dervish is not eligible for re-appointment.

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At its meeting in October 2010, the Committee asked the Charity to consider alternative arrangements for its administration. Hitherto, the Charity had been administered by Council staff in the course of their normal duties but Members considered that that time for that could no longer be spared.

The Charity made enquiries of the Havering Housing Trust (a charity having a similar background) but, after consideration, the Trust declined to become involved with the Charity. Enquiries are now in hand of other charitable organisations as to whether they would be willing to administer the Charity.

### **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

#### **Human resources implications and risks**

No implications or risks for the human resources arise from this report.

#### **Equalities implications and risks**

No implications or risks for the environment arise from this report

#### **Financial implications and risks**

No financial implications or risks arise from this report.

#### **Legal implications and risks**

No legal implications or risks arise from this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1 That a nominative Trustee be appointed in succession to Councillor Osman Dervish.
- 2 That the current position regarding the administration of the Charity be noted.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The Charity's deed of trust.