



## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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**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**

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residents will be proud to live in 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 in the case of non-executive appointments, it is for this Committee to make decisions

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee:

- Decide the council appointment to Tapestry (Havering) given the reduction in council representation from 2 to 1.

**REPORT DETAIL**

**1. TAPESTRY (HAVERING)**

The Council appoints two Members annually to represent Havering on the Board of Tapestry (formerly Age Concern). The current appointees are Councillor June Alexander, who has sat on the Board since June 2002 and Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Health, who has sat on the Board since September 2015.

The Chair of Trustees recently wrote to request that the number of representatives appointed to the Board be reduced from two to one, to reflect the decline in the value and number of contracts that Tapestry now delivers for the Council .

Members are advised to consider the position and decide which Councillor is best placed to continue in the role .

**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.

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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**

None