

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER
ORGANISATIONS, 2019/20**

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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

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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, 2020/21 (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 the Leader of the Council (4 votes) and the Leader of the Opposition(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 2020/21 (probably during the last week of May 2020), 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 number of appointees required for each organisation is indicated in brackets. **The Committee is asked to review these appointments and 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 Leader of the Council and the Leader 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. Poyntz Charity

- 3.1 This is a small local charity, administering funds to local people in need. It also oversees some alms-houses in North Ockendon. The Council appoints three of the trustees. The term of office of the current trustees will expire in March 2020. Trustees can be Members, but it is not a requirement of the scheme of appointment.
- 3.2 The current Council representative trustees are the Parish Priest of St Mary Magdalene's, North Ockenden and Mrs June Alexander.
- 3.2 A vacancy has arisen on the Board of Trustees following the death of Mr David Livermore who passed away earlier this year. Mr Livermore was first appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Charity in 2007.

4. Organisations No Longer Requiring Appointment

Havering & Brentwood Bereavement Service

The Council has provided representation to the Havering & Brentwood Bereavement Service's governing body since 1989 when the charity first came into existence. In January 2019, a letter was received from the Chair of Trustees informing the Council that from 3rd April, appointments would no longer be required owing to a change in governance arrangements.

The Havering and Brentwood Bereavement Service wished to place on record their gratitude for the work that Members had provided in support of the organisation over the past 30 years.

Havering College of Further & Higher Education and Havering 6th Form

At present, the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families represents the Council on the Governing Body of the Havering College of Further & Higher Education.

The Cabinet Member was also appointed to the Governing Body of Havering 6th Form College for a period of four years from November 2016, together with Mrs Wendy Brice-Thompson (representatives need not be serving Councillors).

In December 2018, the Clerk to the Corporation wrote to the Council, advising that both Colleges were considering a merger with New City College.

The merger was originally planned for April 2019, but has been delayed.

The College and the Sixth Form Corporation do not require representation in the interim period and will not be seeking Councillor representation until September 2020, when it is expected that the new governance arrangements for the Havering Local Board.

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