

# GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

# REPORT

31 May 2012

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2012/13</b>
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<b>Policy context:</b>	The Council appoints Members and others to serve on a variety of other bodies
<b>Financial summary:</b>	There are no significant financial implications.

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

Clean, safe and green borough	[x]
Excellence in education and learning	[x]
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	[x]
Value and enhance the life of every individual	[x]
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	[x]

### 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) That 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, 2012/13 (or such other period as may be relevant in any specific case).
- (b) That, where the appointment is executive, the Committee **RECOMMEND** to the Leader that the appointment be made.
- 2 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.
- 3 That the Council's voting rights at the General Assembly of the Local Government Association be exercised by Councillor Michael White (4 votes) and Councillor Clarence Barrett (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). Except where otherwise specifically provided, appointments are for the period expiring at the first meeting of this Committee in the municipal year 2013/14 (probably during the last week of May 2013).
- 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 highlighted. **The Committee is asked to note these appointments.**

**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.**

**East London Solutions Members' Review Group:**

- 3.1 This group is not a formal decision-making body, and is not formally constituted in any borough. It exists to make recommendations for consideration by the ELS Leaders' Group
- 3.2 The objectives of the Review Group are
- To support the development, where appropriate, of a co-ordinated and strategic approach to shared services and joint working in the member boroughs in order to maximise efficiencies
  - To facilitate cross-borough review of shared services work conducted in the member boroughs
  - To ensure that Member decision-making on the subject of shared services in individual boroughs is informed by a full view of the opportunities and challenges relevant to the member boroughs
  - To promote the adoption of best practice in procurement, service design and delivery across the member boroughs
  - To promote East London as a beacon of good practice in joint procurement and shared service delivery
- 3.3 The Group will consist of representation from the boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest, each borough being represented by two Members, with two alternates, and the intention is that there should be particular consideration to representation of members of scrutiny committees and cross-party involvement.

- 3.4 Meetings will be held quarterly, after each East London Solutions Leaders Group meeting, alternating between member authorities.
- 3.5 **The Committee is asked to nominate two representatives (and two alternates) of the Council to be appointed to the East London Solutions Members' Review Group.**
- 4.1 Members will recall that, some time ago, it was suggested that the administration of the Romford Combined Charity should be transferred to another organisation. The Havering Council of Voluntary and Community Organisations (HAVCO) has agreed to assume the responsibility and the transfer was effected on 18 May.

## **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**

A number of files is held by Democratic Services which provide information on the organisations to which appointments are being made.