



## 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**

Communities making Havering  
Places making Havering  
Opportunities making Havering  
Connections making Havering

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<b>SUMMARY</b>
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The Council makes appointments to a large number of other organisations, some statutory, others voluntary.

Since the executive governance arrangements were revised, 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:

1. In respect of the Romford Combined Charity, **re-appoint Councillor Melvin Wallace** as a nominative Trustee of the Committee.
2. In respect of the Lucas Children's Play Charity, consider the **re-appointment** of the **Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Families, Councillor Robert Benham** and the **re- appointment** of **Councillor Gillian Ford** as Trustees to the Lucas Children's Play Charity for the term of office expiring in November 2023

## **REPORT DETAIL**

### **1. THE ROMFORD COMBINED CHARITY:**

- 1.1 The Romford Combined Charity is a small, local charity that makes grants for the relief of poverty. It has seven Trustees in all: one *ex officio*, the Vicar of St Edward's Church of England, Romford, who chairs the Trust; four nominative trustees that are appointed for four year terms by the Council; and two members who are co-opted for five year terms by the other five Trustees on the Combined Charity Committee.
- 1.2 The terms of office of one of the nominative Trustees, Councillor Melvin Wallace, will expire on 3 November. Councillor Wallace is eligible for re-appointment and has indicated that he is happy to continue, but if he is to be replaced, it should be noted that the appointee need not be a Member of the Council.

### **2. THE LUCAS PLAYSITE TRUST:**

- 2.1 Under the terms of the Trust, the Council appoints two nominative Trustees, who in turn co-opt up to three more trustees.
- 2.2 The Trust was established from the proceeds of the sale of land comprising a disused play area and its purpose is to use the investment income derived from the proceeds to pay for various improvements to play site facilities across the Borough.
- 2.3 Councillors Robert Benham and Gillian Ford are the current representatives. Their term of office is due to expire on 30 November 2019. It should be noted that Councillor Benham's appointment is by office, as Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families

<b>IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS</b>
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**Financial implications and risks: None**

**Legal 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.

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.

**Human Resources implications and risks:** There are none directly associated with this report.

**Equalities implications and risks:**

There are no specific implications or risks. Appointments should be made with the Council's equalities policies in mind.