

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER
ORGANISATIONS, 2020/2021**

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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Places making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
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, 2021/2022 (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 2021/22 (probably during the last week of May 2021), 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 charity, administering funds to local people in need. It also oversees some alms-houses based in North Ockendon. The Council appoints three of the trustees, though one is ex-officio, the Vicar of St Mary Magdalene's, North Ockendon. The term of office of the current trustees expired in March 2020. Trustees can be elected Members, but it is not a requirement of the scheme of appointment.
- 3.2 The current Council appointed Trustees are Councillor Ron Ower and Mrs June Alexander, neither of whom wish to seek re-appointment.
- 3.3 The Committee is asked to **appoint** two Trustees to the Poyntz Charity for a period of four years, until March 2024.

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

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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).
- 4.3 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

took place in August 2019 and Havering Colleges now have a Local Havering Board, which Wendy Brice-Thompson attends.

- 4.4 Mrs Brice -Thompson comes to the end of her term of office in September 2020 and Havering Colleges are seeking a representative from the London Borough of Havering. The Colleges wish to place their thanks on record to Mrs Brice-Thompson for her contribution, commitment and 100% attendance at meetings.
- 4.6 The appointee need not be an elected Member, but could be a local community representative or an Officer. The Havering Colleges (Havering FE College and Havering Sixth Form College) are managed as one unit and are part of the New City College group, which has a number of campuses in East London and South Essex. Educational provision includes that for 16-18 year olds (vocational and academic), adult learners, apprentices and HE courses. The Havering Local Board establishes the local ambitions, priorities and objectives within the group structure. Other key responsibilities are to have oversight of the Colleges' engagement with the local community, meeting the needs of local employers and young people, the quality of teaching and learning and student outcomes. Within this context, the Local Board also monitors the student experience and staff wellbeing. The Colleges have ambitious development plans including a new Construction Infrastructure Skills and Innovation Centre [CISIC] in Rainham and development of the Ardleigh Green campus. The Local Board comprises the Principal, independent, Co-opted, Staff and Student members.
- 4.5 The Local Board has four meetings per year plus two half day strategy events and while the time commitment is not particularly onerous, committed participation is essential to provide local direction to the Local Board and the success of the Havering Colleges.
- 4.7 The Committee is asked to **appoint** a representative to the havering Local Board For a period of four years from 30th September 2020.

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