



## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 13 January 2021

**Subject Heading:**

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER  
ORGANISATIONS, 2020/21**

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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

<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 Charities **APPOINT** a Nominative Trustee of the Committee to serve until November 2024.
2. In respect of the Poyntz Charity **APPOINT** a Trustee to serve until March 2024

**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: one *ex officio Chair*, the Vicar of St Edward's C of E Church, Romford; four nominative, appointed for four-year terms by the Council; and two co-optative, who are co-opted for five-year terms by the other five Trustees.
- 1.2 The term of office of Councillor Joshua Chapman expired on 3 November 2020. Councillor Chapman is eligible for re-appointment and has indicated that he wishes to continue in his role as a Trustee. Councillor Chapman has been a Trustee of the Charity since November 2014. It should be noted that Trustees need not be Members of the Council.
- 1.3 The remaining nominative Trustees are Mrs Wendy Brice-Thompson and Councillor Dilip Patel (appointed until November 2022) and Councillor Melvin Wallace (appointed until November 2023).

**2. POYNTZ CHARITY**

- 2.1 This is a small charity that administers funds to local people in need and oversees a group of alms-houses based in North Ockendon. The Council appoints three of the Trustees, though the Vicar of St Mary Magdalene's, North Ockendon is an *ex officio* position. Trustees can be elected Members, but it is not a requirement of the scheme of appointment.
- 2.2 In August 2020, Governance Committee appointed Councillor Linda Hawthorn as one of the Trustees to the Board. There remains one vacancy.

- 2.3 Councillor Ron Ower has indicated that he wishes to be appointed to the vacant position. The term of office would expire in March 2024.

**IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

**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.