



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 31 March 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

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Connections making Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

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 Hornchurch Housing Trust **APPOINT** three Trustees to the Board, one to serve until February 2023 and two to serve until February 2025.

REPORT DETAIL

1. HORNCHURCH HOUSING TRUST

- 1.1** The Hornchurch Housing Trust is a registered charity that administers and manages almshouse accommodation in the parish of Hornchurch. The Trust also has a portfolio of commercial and residential properties. The Council appoints a number of nominative trustees to the Trust for a four-year term of office expiring in sequence over each four-year period.
- 1.2** The term of office of both Councillor Damian White and Councillor Carol Smith expired in February 2021. Councillor Damian White has indicated that he wishes to step down, having served on the Board since March 2017. Councillor Carol Smith is eligible for re-appointment and wishes to continue in the role of Trustee. Councillor Smith has been a Trustee since September 2015. In addition, Councillor Joshua Chapman has indicated that he wishes to resign from the Board, leaving a vacancy until February 2023.
- 1.3** It should be noted that Trustees need not be Members of the Council and following the resignation of both Councillor White and Councillor Chapman, the Hornchurch Housing Trust has put forward two nominations to the vacant positions, as follows:
Mr Roger Evans, former Councillor in the London Borough of Waltham Forest (1990-2002) and the London Borough of Havering (2006-2014) , former Member of the London Assembly (2000-2016) during which time he held the Chair of the London Assembly (2014-15) and the office of Statutory Deputy Mayor (2015-16). In addition, Mr Evans has a range of experience in public affairs and commerce.

Mr Peter Salisbury, a housing consultant with over twenty years' experience in the sector and a strong background in property compliance, building safety, repairs, servicing and maintenance contract management.

Through residence in the Borough and other connections, both these nominees satisfy the Scheme requirement for appointment as Trustees.

- 1.4 The remaining nominative Trustees are Councillor John Mylod and Councillor Nic Dodin (appointed until February 2022) and Councillor Melvin Wallace (appointed until February 2023).

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.