



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2021/2022

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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	[X]
Places making Havering	[]
Opportunities making Havering	[]
Connections making Havering	[]

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, 2022/2023 (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, or his respective nominee in the event he 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 2022/23 (probably during the last week of May 2022), 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. At the meeting of Governance Committee on 12th August 2020, it was agreed that all 5 votes should be cast by the Leader.
- 2.5 **The Committee is asked to confirm the arrangement for the forthcoming year.**

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

- 3.1 The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) consists of Members nominated partly by local authorities that border the River Lee and partly by London Councils on behalf of the remaining London local authorities (all of which contribute to the funding of the LVRPA).
- 3.2 The LVRPA has requested a nomination for a term of office to begin on 1 July 2021 be made to London Councils. The decision as to which non-riparian councils are represented on the Park Authority is made by London Councils and it will be to London Councils that this nomination will be sent. A job description outlining the requirements for the role is appended to this report as Appendix 3. .
- 3.3 It should be noted that the appointment is personal rather than Executive and dependent upon the Council's nomination being formally accepted by London Councils.
- 3.4 **The Committee is requested to nominate a Member for consideration by London Councils to be appointed to the LVRPA.**

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks

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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