



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
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Subject Heading:

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER
ORGANISATIONS, 2022/23**

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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

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 **NOTE** the new Constitution and agree to **APPOINT** one Trustee until February 2026.

REPORT DETAIL

1. HORNCHURCH HOUSING TRUST

- 1.1 The Hornchurch Housing Trust is a registered charity that administers and manages alms house accommodation in the parish of Hornchurch. The Trust also has a portfolio of commercial and residential properties.
- 1.2 At present, the Council appoints six Charity Trustees to the Trust for a four-year term of office expiring in sequence over each four-year period. There is no requirement for Trustees to be Members of the Council, though they must satisfy the Scheme requirement for residency or other connections to the Borough.
- 1.3 The current Trustees are Councillor John Mylod and Councillor Nic Dodin (appointed until February 2022), Councillor Carol Smith and Councillor Melvin Wallace (appointed until February 2023) and Mr Roger Evans and Mr Peter Salisbury (appointed until February 2025).
- 1.4 Hornchurch Housing Trust has now obtained approval from the Charity Commission to agree new governance arrangements, with effect from 19th January 2022. A copy of this document is attached for the Committee to note. Under the revised Constitution, Council representation on the Board will be reduced to one Charity Trustee.

- 1.5 Councillor John Mylod has indicated that he would like to remain on the Board of Trustees and the Trust have endorsed this nomination.
- 1.6 **The Committee is asked to RE-APPOINT Councillor John Mylod until February 2026.**
- 1.7 Under the terms of the new Constitution, the remaining Council appointed Trustees will continue as Trustees until the end of their existing four-year appointments. At that point, the Council will not renew these appointments and it will be for the Board to make arrangements.

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.