



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

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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, 2023/2024 (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 (5 votes, or his respective nominee in the event he is unable to vote in person). Or alternative arrangements confirmed.

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 2023/24 (probably during the last week of May 2023), 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 voting arrangements for the forthcoming year. Please note that the Council's representatives were appointed at Council on May 25th 2022 in order to meet the deadline for notification of delegates to the Assembly.**
- 2.6 **The Committee is asked to ratify this decision for non-executive appointments.**

3. Essex Wildlife Trust (Bedfords Park Management Committee)

- 3.1 The Bedford Park Management Committee has not met for some time and in the event that it should be re-instated, will only require Officer attendance at meetings. Member appointments are therefore no longer required.

4. Havering Local Board (formerly Havering Sixth Form College & Havering College of Further and Higher Education)

- 4.1 At present, former Councillor Sally Miller represents the Council on the Havering Local Board. Mrs Miller was appointed until 2024.
- 4.2 In March 2022, the Clerk to the Corporation wrote to the Council seeking a replacement for Mrs Miller, who had not met the requisite attendance criteria to continue on the Board.
- 4.3 The appointee need not be an elected Member, but could be a local community representative or an Officer. The Local Board has undergone several changes since the merger with New City College. It is now focused building links with the community and working with Havering employers. It aims to provide the best possible experience for its learners and the local area it serves. The Board has

no decision-making powers as these are reserved to the New City College Corporation.

The Board is seeking a representative who has an interest and involvement in the community, ideally in the area around one of the three campuses which are based at: Ardleigh Green, Wingleye Lane and Rainham. For further information, the most recent advert for attracting representation from local employers is included as an appendix.

4.4 Meetings are held between three and four times a year. It is planned that the Autumn meetings will be held at the Sixth Form in Wingleye Lane, Hornchurch, the Spring meetings will be held at Ardleigh Green and the Summer meetings will take place at the Rainham campus.

4.5 The Committee is asked to **appoint** a representative until June 2024.

5. Local Authority Governor Panel

5.1 Since 2014 the recommendation for appointment of Local Authority Governors has been considered by the LA Governor Appointment Panel, which meets termly and comprises of representative Governors, Head Teachers and Elected Members nominated by Governance Committee.

5.2 On account of the increasing number of Academy Trusts and Federations within the Borough, the demand for Local Authority Governors has become less and the vacancy rate currently stands at four, two of which have an identified candidate awaiting appointment. The current process of reviewing applications, seeking references and convening the Governor Panel is consequently disproportionate to the level of vacancies and demand.

5.3 It is anticipated that the number of Local Authority governors will continue to reduce as more schools obtain academy status. Therefore, it is proposed that the Governor Panel be disbanded. In future, School Governing Bodies will be asked to identify suitable candidates based on the needs of the individual Governing Body and request subsequent Local Authority approval.

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