



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

24 August 2022

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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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 the Committee **AGREES**:

- (1) The new process for non-executive appointments to outside bodies
- (2) To review the list of outside bodies to which the Council makes appointments and to determine that appointments to those Outside Bodies listed at Appendix 3 should no longer be Council appointments.
- (3) All remaining non-executive 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).

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** lists the appointments made by office and by individual member, but that are not executive. The number of appointees required for each organisation is indicated in brackets.
- 1.3 Appointments that do not require review or renewal for the present are shown in italics. **The Committee is asked to note these appointments.**

2. Update on the appointments process:

- 2.1 At the meeting of Governance Committee on 22nd June 2022, it was agreed that a different approach should be taken in making non-executive appointments to Outside Bodies and other organisations than in previous years. It was agreed that the Council would write to certain outside bodies to state that the Council was intending to change its process for making appointments and would be writing to all Councillors asking them to express an interest in being appointed to outside organisations. It was agreed that the Council would seek the Organisations'

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acceptance of the new process and ensure that it accorded with the Terms of Reference and/or Constitutions of their respective organisations. A copy of the suggested draft procedure for dealing with future appointments to outside bodies is included at **Appendix 2**.

2.2 Officers were asked to contact the following organisations to establish if they still required Councillor representation:

- Citizens Advice Havering
- Havering Arts Council
- Havering Association for People with Disabilities
- Havering Bands & Majorettes Association
- Havering Sports Council
- Relate North East
- Sight Action Havering
- Wennington Quarry Community Liaison Committee

2.3 Havering Arts Council and Having Sports Council indicated that they would still like to have Member appointments, but with a reduction in number from five to three. Havering Arts Council particularly requested that Councillor Linda Hawthorn should be one of their representatives and Havering Sports Council particularly requested Councillor Viddy Persaud should be amongst their three appointees.

2.4 Havering Association for People with Disabilities, Sight Action Havering and Wennington Quarry Community Liaison Committee all responded positively and indicated that they would still like to receive Councillor appointments and stated that they have very much appreciated the contribution made by Members in the past.

2.5 No response was received from Citizen's Advice Havering, Havering Bands & Majorettes Association or Relate North East.

2.6 Under separate cover, the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education, and Veolia ES Cleanaway Havering Riverside Trust also requested continuing Councillor representation.

2.7 Of the remaining appointments, only Havering Theatre Trust has not been contacted for their views.

2.8 Subject to Para 4 below, Appendix 1 summarises the current position, including Members appointed by office or on a Ward basis, the vacancies being as follows:

- Adoption & Permanency Panel - 1
- Coopers Company & Coborn Educational Foundation – 1 Ward Councillor
- Havering Arts Council – Cllr Hawthorn and 2 vacancies
- Havering Association for People with Disabilities- 2
- Havering Joint Forum – 3

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- Havering Sports Council – Cllr Persaud and 2 vacancies
- Havering Theatre Trust – 3
- London Road Safety Council- 1
- Sight Action Havering - 1
- Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) - 5
- Tenant Management Organisations - 1 x BETRA (Gooshays Ward), 1 x DELTA (Squirrels Heath Ward), 1 x PETRA (St Andrews Ward)
- Veolia ES Cleanaway Havering Riverside Trust - 1
- Wennington Quarry Community Liaison Committee – 1 Rainham & Wennington Ward Councillor

3. Process for Appointing to remaining Non-Executive Vacancies

- 3.1 It was agreed at Governance Committee on 22nd June, that in the event that more than one Councillor expresses interest in being appointed to an organisation, then the organisation would be asked to select which Councillor(s) it wished to appoint, prior to ratification by Governance Committee. The draft process for future appointments to outside bodies is included at Appendix 2.
- 3.2 Officers will advise all organisations no longer seeking appointments or reducing the number of Council appointments to revise their Constitutions and Terms of Reference.
- 3.3 In the event that Governance Committee agrees to remove an organisation from the list of outside bodies, the Council will write to inform the organisation of its decision to terminate Council appointments at the end of their current term of office. These organisations will of course be able to offer appointments to Councillors in the future but these will be outside the Council appointment process.

4. Outside Bodies that will no longer have Council appointed members

- 4.1 It is proposed that going forward the Council will no longer appoint to the organisations set out in Appendix 3. If agreed, officers will write to these outside bodies to advise that Council appointments will cease once the current term of office ends. These organisations may of course still offer appointments to councillors directly, outside the Council process.

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

In the event that an outside body determines that it no longer wishes to have Council appointees then they may need to review their constitutions to reflect this change.

Council appointees to outside bodies will normally have the benefit of indemnity insurance provided they are acting in the course of their duties as a Councillor.

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