



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2 November 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

Communities making Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 the Committee **AGREES**:

- (1) The full list of Non Executive appointments to Outside Bodies attached at Appendix 1
- (2) All remaining vacancies to 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 24th August 2022, it was agreed that a different approach should be taken in the process for making non-executive appointments to Outside Bodies. Accordingly, Officers contacted all Members with details of roles and frequency of meetings, etc to invite expressions of interest. As a result, all vacancies have now been filled, with the exception of:
 - 2 x remaining vacancies on SACRE
 - 1 x Squirrels Heath Ward Councillor for the Durham Estate Tenant Management Association (DELTA)
 - 1 x Rainham & Wennington Ward Councillor for the Wennington Quarry Community Liaison Committee

- 2.2 Officers contacted the following organisations to confirm that any future Councillor representation would not need to be ratified by Governance Committee and, in the unlikely event that it is required, Councillors sitting on these organisations would not be able to avail themselves of indemnity insurance cover.
- Citizens Advice Havering
 - Havering Arts Council
 - Havering Association for People with Disabilities
 - Havering Bands & Majorettes Association
 - Havering Sports Council
 - Havering Theatre Trust
 - Relate North East
 - Romford Combined Charities
 - Sight Action Havering
 - Wennington Quarry Community Liaison Committee
- 2.3 The Havering Bands & Majorettes Association and Relate North East did not respond.
- 2.4 In addition, Havering Theatre Trust and Romford Combined Charities indicated that the Constitutions and Terms of Reference of their respective organisations would not allow appointments to be made independently of the Council process. These two bodies, will therefore remain on the formal list of Non Executive appointments made by Governance Committee. There are existing vacancies for both the Havering Theatre Trust, following the resignation of Councillor Christine Smith and for the Romford combined Charity since Councillor Dilip Patel has indicated he wishes to step down from the role. Expressions of interest have been invited for both vacancies and are in the process of being filled.
- 2.5 The remainder assented to the new process and details of bodies still interested to receive Councillor representation have been circulated to all Members with an invitation to contact the organisations directly

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.

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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.