



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2023/24

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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 current governance arrangements came into force in 2002, responsibility for making executive appointments has passed from this Committee to the Leader of the Council, but the Constitution provides that this Committee agrees appointments to non-executive positions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

- 1 (a) The Committee determine appointments to the non executive organisations referred to in this report for the period until the meeting that deals with appointments for the municipal year, 2024/2025 (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 authorise 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).

REPORT DETAIL

- 1.1 The Committee is authorised to make all appointments to outside bodies and other organisations, apart from 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 2024/25, except where otherwise specifically provided.
- 1.2 **Appendix 1** Executive appointments. **The Committee is asked to review the appointments and confirm 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 any changes 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 authorise the Chair of the meeting to exercise a proxy vote.

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.

The Committee is asked to ratify the voting arrangements for the forthcoming year that were agreed by Annual Council on 24 May 2023.

- 2.5 The Council's representatives were also appointed at Annual Council on May 24th 2023 in order to meet the deadline for notification of delegates to the Assembly **The Committee is asked to ratify this decision for non-executive appointments.**

3. Thames Gateway Strategic Group

- 3.1 In 2019, the Thames Gateway Strategic Group was disbanded and replaced by the Thames Estuary Growth Board. The three representatives from London Boroughs on the Growth Board are selected by London Local and accordingly this Committee is no longer required to make nominations.

4. Havering Theatre Trust

- 4.1 The Trust has advised that it no longer requires the Council to make three appointments to the Board. All vacancies have now been filled but if Members wish to apply in future, the Trust would welcome expressions of interest.

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 instances where membership of an organisation is dependent upon the Council paying a subscription, the subscription will be met from within an appropriate budget provision.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None