



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

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

[x] People - Things that matter for residents

[x] Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy

[x] Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place.

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 Executive 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 **NOTE**:

1. The addition of two Executive Appointments; the first in respect of the Board of Governors of the North East London Foundation Trust and the second in respect of the Thames Freeport Governance Board.
2. The current situation in regard to the Poyntz Charity

REPORT DETAIL

1. NORTH EAST LONDON FOUNDATION TRUST BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- 1.1 It is a statutory requirement that all Foundation Trusts have a Council of Governors to ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of the local population.
- 1.2 The Constitution of the Foundation Trust makes provision for a seat on the Council of Governors for Havering Local Authority. The Trust contacted Councillor Morgon earlier this year and invited him to nominate a representative to the vacancy.
- 1.3 Councillor Gillian Ford, who holds the Cabinet portfolio for Adults & Health was nominated to the Council of Governors for a period of three years until July 2026.
- 1.4 The full Terms of Reference for this position are attached as Appendix 1.

2. THAMES FREEPORT GOVERNANCE BOARD

- 2.1 Thames Freeport is a private sector led body, which was approved by government on 15 December 2021.
- 2.2 Thurrock Council is the Lead Authority and as part of the governance structures that have been put in place, the Thames Freeport Governance

Board was established. This is an unincorporated body, directly accountable to the Government for delivery of the Thames Freeport strategy.

2.3 Membership of the Thames Freeport Governance Board has expanded to include representation from the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham and the London Borough of Havering, both of which have geographic boundaries with Thames Freeport. In total, the Board will comprise 12 members including an independent Chair, the Rt. Hon Ruth Kelly.

2.4 This is an Executive Appointment, but for the sake of transparency, Governance Committee is asked to endorse Councillor Morgon's appointment to the Thames Freeport Governance Board.

3. POYNTZ CHARITY

At the last meeting on 7th June, the Committee agreed that Councillor Morgon should be appointed to the vacancy on the Poyntz Charity, pending further enquiries by Officers as to the Charity's active status.

The latest position is that the Reverend Marian Williams, Vicar of St Mary Magdalene North Ockendon and ex-officio Chair of the Charity, is arranging to meet with Mr Ower, the Council's other appointee, to resume meetings of the Trust Board. Previous members of the Board have either passed away or retired and consequently the Charity has become dormant. Further reports will be provided when more information becomes available.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and 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 and cost is minimal.

Legal implications and risks:

These appointments are administrative and have no direct legal implications or risks. However, 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.

Environmental implications and risks:

There are none directly associated with this report.