



**Havering**  
LONDON BOROUGH

# GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

# REPORT

**Subject Heading:**

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER  
ORGANISATIONS, 2013/14**

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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**

Clean, safe and green borough	[x]
Excellence in education and learning	[x]
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	[x]
Value and enhance the life of every individual	[x]
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	[x]

**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) That 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, 2013/14 (or such other period as may be relevant in any specific case).
- (b) That, where the appointment is executive, the Committee **RECOMMEND** to the Leader that the appointment be made.
- 2 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.
- 3 That the Council's voting rights at the General Assembly of the Local Government Association be exercised by Councillor Michael White (4 votes) and Councillor Clarence Barrett (1 vote) (or their respective nominees in the event either is unable to vote in person).

## 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 2014/15 (probably during the last week of May 2015), 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 Committee is asked to review these appointments and either confirm them or 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.**

**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 Leaders of the Council and of the Opposition were allocated 4 votes and 1 vote each respectively.
- 2.5 **The Committee is asked to confirm that this arrangement should continue.**

**IESE Ltd**

- 3.1 The Council is in the process of becoming a member of IESE Ltd a company wholly owned by a number of South East England local authorities which specialises in providing assistance and expertise on large scale procurement and research into local government service provision. The Council was approached by IESE Ltd to become a member because of the Council's approach to transformation of services, in particular the potential for successfully delivering Customer Services using modern software solutions. Havering will be the first London Borough to join IESE Ltd. There will be no cost to the Council from becoming a member.
- 3.2 Membership gives the Council a seat on the IESE Ltd board. It is an executive function, so the final decision on membership rest with the Leader. The normal approach of Councils that are members of IESE is for them to be represented by their leader.
- 3.3 **The Committee is requested to follow this approach and nominate the Leader as the Council's representative.**

**Lee Valley Regional Park Authority**

- 4.1 The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) consists of 4 Members nominated by local authorities that border the River Lee and 4 Members nominated by London Councils on behalf of the remaining non-riparian London Councils, all of which contribute to the funding of the LVRPA.
- 4.2 Councillor Andrew Curtin was first appointed to the LVRPA as a London Councils nominee in 2005. His present term of office will expire on 30 June. It is understood that Councillor Curtin is eligible to be re-appointed – but that is dependent upon the Council formally nominating him for re-appointment and London Councils accepting the nomination.

- 4.3 It should be noted that the appointment is personal to Councillor Curtin and in the event of his resignation from the LVRPA, there would be no guarantee that London Councils would replace him with another Havering nominee.
- 4.4 **The Committee is requested to nominate a Member for consideration by London Councils to be appointed to the LVRPA. A job description is enclosed to assist with the selection process.**

### **Partnerships in Parking**

- 5.1 In December 2011, Partnerships in Parking undertook a 5 year review as many Authorities felt that the Partnership no longer provided value for money or financial benefits through joint procurement exercises, efficient framework agreements and peer group advice. As part of the Council's cost saving measures, it was agreed that Havering should withdraw from the Partnership in January 2012.

### **Havering Youth Inclusion and Support Panel**

- 6.2 The role of the Youth Inclusion and Support Panel in Havering was reviewed as part of the Council's Transformation Programme. In April 2013, it was agreed to disband the Panel and Member representation is no longer required

## **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**

A number of files is held by Democratic Services which provide information on the organisations to which appointments are being made.