



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
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Subject Heading:

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER
ORGANISATIONS, 2024/25**

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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

People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy

Resources - Enabling a resident-focused and resilient Council X

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 some 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:

1. In respect of the Romford Combined Charities **APPOINT** either Councillor Paul McGeary or Councillor Viddy Persaud to the post of Nominative Trustee to serve until November 2028.

REPORT DETAIL

1. THE ROMFORD COMBINED CHARITY

- 1.1 The Romford Combined Charity is a small, local charity that makes grants for the relief of poverty. It has seven Trustees: one *ex officio Chair*, the Vicar of St Edward's C of E Church, Romford; four nominative, appointed for four-year terms by the Council; and two co-optative, who are co-opted for five-year terms by the other five Trustees.
- 1.2 The term of office of Councillor Joshua Chapman will expire on 3 November 2024. Councillor Chapman has indicated that he does not wish to continue in his role as a Trustee. Councillor Chapman has been a Trustee of the Charity since November 2014 and the Committee would like to place on record its thanks to Councillor Chapman for his service in this role. It should be noted that Trustees need not be Members of the Council.
- 1.3 The remaining nominative Trustees are Mrs Wendy Brice-Thompson and Councillor Jane Keane (appointed until November 2026) and Councillor Melvin Wallace (appointed until November 2027).
- 1.4 Councillor Paul McGeary and Councillor Viddy Persaud have both expressed interest in the vacant position.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None

Legal 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.

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.