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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE Town Hall, Main Road, Romford 11 June 2026 (7.00 - 7.25 pm)

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Reform UK Havering Group George Harwin (Chairman) Malvin Brown and Bailey Nash-Gardner

Havering Aligned Residents' Associations Group Barry Mugglestone

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Joe Locke (Councillor Bailey Nash-Gardner substituting) Councillor Gillian Ford (Councillor Barry Mugglestone substituting) and Councillor Robert Benham.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 March 2026 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Charman.

4 APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS 2026/27

The full list of non-executive appointments is attached as appendix 1 to these minutes. At the meeting, the Committee agreed the following nominations to vacant positions. All nominations were agreed with a vote being required, unless stated otherwise.

Adoption and Permanency Panel – Councillor Khuram Amin

Havering Chamber of Commerce and Industry – Councillor Iurie Bivol

Havering Theatre Trust - Councillor Malvin Brown by 3 votes (Councillors Brown, Harwin and Nash-Gardner) to 1 vote for Councillor Barry Mugglestone (Cllr Mugglestone).

It was noted that this nomination may be subject to an interview with the Havering Theatre Trust.

Local Government Association – Councillor Sean McMahon by 3 votes (Councillors Brown, Harwin and Nash-Gardner) to 1 vote for Councillor Barry Mugglestone (Councillor Mugglestone).

Road Safety Council – Councillor Martynas Cekavicius

Lucas Children's Play Centre – Nominative Trustees – Councillor Kevin Gill by 3 votes (Councillors Brown, Harwin and Nash-Gardner) to 1 votes for Councillor Oscar Ford (Councillor Mugglestone).

Poyntz Charity Representative Trustees – Mr Terry Clark and Mr Jared Tse.

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) – Councillors Khuram Amin, Graham Edwards, Kevin Gill, Sathya Maddasani and Henry Williams.

BETRA Tenant Management Organisation – Councillor Liz Tyler

DELTA Tenant Management Organisation – Councillor Tom Vickery

PETRA Tenant Management Organisation – Councillor Robert Attree

Wennington Quarry Liaison Committee – Councillor Terry Brown

It was noted that the Monitoring Officer would investigate whether it was possible to amend the Council's nomination to the Hornchurch Housing Trust.

The Committee also noted the list of Executive Appointments made by the Leader as shown in appendix 2 to these minutes.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Committee determined appointments to the non-executive organisations referred to in the report in the agenda papers for the period until the meeting that deals with appointments for the municipal year, 2027/2028 (or such other period as may be relevant in any specific case).**

(b) Where the appointment is executive, the Committee NOTED the appointments made by the Leader.

2 That it is agreed 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.

3 That 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).

Chairman

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Appendix 1 - Appointments to other Organisations made on behalf of Council 2026/27

ORGANISATION AND NUMBER OF APPOINTEES	MEMBER APPOINTED (Non-Executive Appointments)	COMMENTS AND NOTES
Adoption & Permanency Panel-2	Cabinet Member for Children – Cllr Kevin Gill and Cllr Khuram Amin	
Children's Executive Board	Cabinet Member for Children – Cllr Kevin Gill	
Coopers Company & Coborn Educational Foundation -1	Cllr Christopher Wilkins	
Havering Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Cllr Iurie Bivol	
Havering Community Safety Partnership – 2	Cabinet Member for Planning & Public Protection – Cllr Terry Brown & the Chief Executive – Andrew Blake-Herbert	
Havering Joint Forum - 6	Leader of the Council – Cllr Keith Prince Deputy Leader of the Council – Cllr Sue Benjamins Leader of the Opposition Group – Cllr Gillian Ford Cllr Martin Goode Cllr Matt Stanton	
Havering Theatre Trust - 2	Cllr Trevor McKeever Cllr Malvin Brown	

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<i>Hornchurch Housing Trust (Nomination Trustees) - 1</i>	Ms Carol Smith (sine dies)	
Local Government Association General Assembly - 4	Leader of the Council – Cllr Keith Prince Councillor Sue Benjamins Councillor Gillian Ford Councillor Sean McMahon	
Local Government Information Unit - 1	Leader of the Council- Cllr Keith Prince	
London Road Safety Council - 2	Cabinet Member for Highways – Cllr Alex Sibley Cabinet Member for the Public Realm- Martynas Cekavicius	
London Youth Games-1	Cabinet Member for Adults & Health – Cllr Graham Day	
<i>Lucas Children's Play Charity Nominative Trustees – 2</i>	Cabinet Member for Children – Cllr Kevin Gill (until June 2030) Councillor Matthew Stanton (until June 2028)	
NELFT NHS Council of Governors	Councillor Julie Wilkes (until July 2026)	
North East London NHS Foundation Trust – 1	Strategic Director of People – Barbara Nicholls	
Poyntz (a.k.a. Richard Poyntz's) and other charities	<i>1 ex-officio</i> Mr Terry Clarke and Mr Jared Tse (until March 2028)	

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Reserve Forces & Cadets Association -1	Champion for the Armed Forces- Cllr Alex Donald	
Romford Town Management Partnership	Cabinet Member for Regeneration- Cllr Robert Whitton	
<i>Romford Combined Charity</i> <u><i>Nominative Trustees</i></u> – 2	Mrs Wendy Brice Thompson and Mrs Jane Keane (until 3.11.26) Mr Melvin Wallace (until 3.11.27) Mrs Viddy Persaud (until 3.11.28)	
Safer Neighbourhood Board	Cabinet Member for Planning & Public Protection – Cllr Terry Brown	
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) - 5	Cllr Khuram Amin Cllr Graham Edwards Cabinet Member for Children – Cllr Kevin Gill Cllr Sathya Maddasani Cllr Henry Williams	
Tenant Management Organisations - 3	Ward Councillors: BETRA (Gooshays) – Cllr Liz Tyler DELTA (Squirrels Heath)—Cllr Tom Vickery PETRA (St Andrews’) – Cllr Robert Attree	
Wennington Quarry Community Liaison Committee- 1	Cabinet Member for Planning & Public Protection – Cllr Terry Brown	

APPENDIX 2 - APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE LEADER TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS, 2026/27

ORGANISATION AND NUMBER OF APPOINTEES	EXECUTIVE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS	
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CEME (Centre for Engineering & Manufacturing Excellence) - 1

Strategic Director of Place

East London Waste Authority - 2

Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Cabinet Member for Finance – ***Cllr Martynas Cekavicius*** and ***Cllr Sue Benjamins***

East London Waste Authority Board (Officer)

Director of Environment
Head of Finance

London Councils
(Leaders' Committee)

Representative (1): Leader of the Council – ***Cllr Keith Prince***
Deputy: (1) Deputy Leader of the Council – ***Cllr Sue Benjamins***

Transport & Environment Committee

Representative (1): ***Cllr Alex Sibley***
Deputies (up to 4): ***Cllr Martynas Cekavicius***

Appointments to other organisations, 2026/27

Grants Committee

Representative (1): ***Cllr Sue Benjamins***

Deputy (up to 4): ***Cllr Kevin Gill***

Pensions CIV (Sectorial Joint Committee)

Representative (1): Chairman of Pensions Committee – ***Cllr David Johnson***

Deputy (up to 2): *Vice Chair of Pensions Committee* – ***Cllr Graham Edwards***

Greater London Employment Forum

Representative (1): ***Cllr Keith Prince***

Deputy Representative (1): ***Cllr Sue Benjamins***

Local London Inter Authority

Representative: Leader of the Council – ***Cllr Keith Prince***

Deputy: Deputy Leader of the Council – ***Cllr Sue Benjamins***

*Agreed by
Executive Decision
on 04/05/2023*

**Newable (formerly Greater London
Enterprise Limited) -1**

Cllr Robert Whitton

London Riverside (BID) Ltd

Representative (1): Cabinet Member for Regeneration – ***Cllr Robert Whitton***

Thames Freeport Governance Board

Leader of the Council – ***Cllr Keith Prince***