

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
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Subject Heading:

**APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER
ORGANISATIONS, 2026/27**

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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 X

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy X

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 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 **AGREE** to:

1. **REVOKE** the appointment of Ms Carol Smith and **APPOINT** XXXX as the Council's representative to the Hornchurch Housing Trust for a term of four years, until September 2030

REPORT DETAIL

1. HORNCHURCH HOUSING TRUST

- 1.1 In accordance with the Hornchurch Housing Trust's Constitution, the Council is required to appoint one Trustee to the Charity.
- 1.2 In May 2025, at the request of the Trust, this Committee agreed to appoint former Councillor Carol Smith as the Council's representative, until such time as she should chose to resign.
- 1.3 The Hornchurch Housing Trust's Constitution does not require the Council's representative to be an elected Member, and consequently Ms Smith has continued in office since ceasing to be a Councillor in May 2026.
- 1.4 Under Part 3.1.2 of the Council's Constitution, Functions Delegated to General Council Committees, Governance Committee is permitted:

To appoint (or in the case of appointments to be made by the Executive, to recommend for appointment) any individual: (a) to any office (other than an office in which he is employed by the authority) in the authority's gift (b) as the authority's representative to any body other than the authority or to any committee or sub-committee of such a body and to revoke any such appointment (see Part 3, section 5: local choice functions)

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 disclosable 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.