

Agenda item:

[No.]

Cabinet

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Report Title. HORNSEY TOWN HALL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Report of Assistant Chief Executive (People and Organisational Development)

Signed :

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Wards(s) affected: **Not applicable**

Report for: **Non Key Decision**

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To appoint a replacement Member to serve on the Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member

2.1 In order to continue momentum and proceed efficiently with the Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board's deliberations on the practicalities regarding the future of the former Hornsey Town Hall it is necessary to appoint a Member to serve on that Board.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and/or other Strategies:

3.1 Section 2 (Committees of the Cabinet) of Part Three Section D of the Council's Constitution provides that -

The Cabinet may delegate any of its functions to a Committee of the Cabinet. Committees of the Cabinet shall report to the Cabinet. The Cabinet may establish decision-making Committees, which may only include Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may establish advisory Committees, the membership of which need not be limited to Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may change them, abolish them, or create

further ones, at its own discretion.

Committees established by the Cabinet shall be empowered to perform their functions with immediate effect unless the Cabinet imposes any express restriction when they are established. Unless stated otherwise, all Decision-Making Committees will continue in operation until expressly abolished by the Cabinet and all Advisory or Consultative Committees will continue in operation only until the first meeting of the Cabinet in the next municipal year following their establishment when they must be expressly renewed or they cease to exist.

The establishment, abolition or cessation of Committees and the amendment of their terms of reference will be reported to full Council in due course for noting in the Council's Constitution.

The functions of the Cabinet under this Section shall be exercised with the agreement of the Leader and may be exercised by the Leader personally.

4. Recommendations

4.1 That the Cabinet appoint Councillor Strang to serve on the Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board.

5. Reasons for recommendation(s)

5.1 The Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board was established as a working party to continue community momentum and proceed efficiently with the resolutions made by the Executive regarding the future of the Hornsey Town Hall. Although a Trust (the Hornsey Town Hall Creative Trust) has recently been established to consider the future management of and to raise funds for the former Hornsey Town Hall, the Community Partnership Board remains in existence to advise the Council on the practicalities of any recommendations for the Town Hall in both the short and long term and the Cabinet is asked to appoint a Council representative to serve on the Partnership Board in place of Councillor Gorrie.

6. Other options considered

6.1 Not applicable

7. Summary

7.1 The Cabinet on 15 June appointed Councillor Cooke and Councillor Gorrie as its representatives on the Hornsey Town Hall Community Partnership Board.

Notification has now been received from the Chief Whip of the Liberal Democrat Group that they wish to nominate Councillor Strang to replace Councillor Gorrie as their Group's representative on the Board.

7.2 The Terms of Reference of the Partnership Board confirmed by the Cabinet were as follows:

- a) To advise the Council on the practicalities of the Hornsey Town Hall Advisory Panel's recommendations for the Town Hall in both the short and long term.
- b) To work in an advisory role with officers towards finalising a development brief between April 2005 and July 2005 and then selecting a suitable developer whom will work in partnership with the Council and Community.
- c) To start the preparatory work for a Trust by: scoping the skills required for a trust, seeking potential persons to fulfil roles, examining governance issues, producing an outline business plan for a potential Trust or advising on other suitable management vehicles to safeguard community and cultural uses in the future.
- d) To formulate a strategy for attracting primary grant funding, that being available for heritage purposes. To establish an outline of specific projects that could attract other grant funding in the educational and cultural sphere that may be set up in the Town Hall.
- e) To compile a listed building management scheme which is approved by English Heritage
- f) To receive monthly reports from the Interim Management Group. [This is a group of 4 former Advisory Panel members who are currently working with officers to engage with local community organisations wanting to use available space that may be available on an interim basis in the Town Hall.]
- g) To provide progress reports on a quarterly basis to the Crouch End, Stroud Green & Hornsey Area Assembly and the Cabinet.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

8.1 The service manager confirms that the Partnership Board can be serviced from within existing business unit resources.

8.2 Members should note that the Community Partnership Board has no formal decision making powers and thus will not have the authority to incur expenditure or make budgetary decisions.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1 The Council's Constitution sets out the relevant Cabinet arrangements at Part Three, Section D and confirms that the Cabinet may establish decision making committees, which may only include Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may establish advisory Committees, the membership of which need not be limited to Cabinet Members. The Cabinet may change them, abolish them, or create further ones, at its own discretion. Unless changed or abolished, the two decision-making Committees continue in operation without the need for formal renewal each year. Under the new executive leadership arrangements, these powers of the Cabinet must be exercised with the agreement of the Leader and may be exercised by the Leader personally.

10. Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee]

10.1 Not applicable

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

11.1 There has been consultation on the representation on the Community Partnership Board within the Majority and Minority Political Groups.

12. Consultation

12.1 Not applicable.

13. Service Financial Comments

13.1 It is not envisaged that the change of representation on the Board will of itself have any direct financial implications.

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

14.1 Not applicable

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

15.1 Background Papers

The following background paper was used in the preparation of this report:

- Report to the Cabinet on 15 June 2010 entitled Appointment of Cabinet Committees and other Sub-Ordinate Bodies.

The background paper is located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

To inspect it or to discuss this report further, please contact Richard Burbidge on 020 8489 2923.