

Report for: Cabinet 11th April 2017

Title: **Appointment of a substitute Cabinet member to the Shared ICT and Digital Service Joint Committee**

Report

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Non Key

1. Describe the issue under consideration

The report seeks approval to the appointment of a substitute Cabinet Member to the Shared ICT and Digital Service Joint Committee.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

- 2.1 In March 2016, the Cabinet agreed for Haringey Council to join a Shared ICT and Digital Service with Camden and Islington.
- 2.2 In August 2016 the terms of the reference for the Joint Committee were adopted, delegated authority was given to the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, to negotiate, agree and enter into any necessary legal arrangements that would govern and underpin the operation of the shared service and to give effect to this decision and the Cabinet Members for Finance and Health and Corporate Resources were appointed to serve on the Joint Committee.
- 2.3 At the first meeting of the ICT Committee , it was agreed for each respective borough to appoint a substitute member should an appointed member be unavailable or unable to attend a meeting and this report takes forward this decision.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To appoint the Cabinet Member for Customer Services and Culture as a substitute member of the Shared ICT and Digital Service Joint Committee for the remainder of the 2016/17 municipal year.

4. Reasons for decision

To allow a substitute member to attend a meeting of the Shared ICT and Digital Service Joint Committee where an appointed member is unavailable or unable to attend.

5. Alternative options considered

Not appointing a substitute member was the only other option but this would not allow the Council to provide equal democratic oversight of key decisions affecting the joint service should an appointed member not be able to attend a meeting .

6. Background information

6.1 In March 2016, a shared ICT and Digital Service was created between Islington Camden and Haringey and it was agreed the service would be governed by a Joint Committee , made up of representatives from each local authority. At the first meeting in November 2016, the Joint Committee agreed to meet three times a year.

6.2 The purpose of the Joint Committee is to provide democratic oversight for the shared ICT service. The Committee is made up of 6 members, two appointed by each of the respective Councils [Haringey, Camden, Islington]. Every member appointed to the Joint Committee is required to be a member of the Executive/ Cabinet of their Council.

6.3 Each Council may nominate substitute members who must also be a member of the respective Executive/ Cabinet. Substitutes may attend meetings of the Joint Committee, should an appointed member be unavailable or unable to attend a meeting. Substitute members attending in the absence of an appointed member will have full voting rights meaning absence of a Haringey representative does not mean a loss of a vote.

6.4 Arrangements for, and appointments to, the Joint Committee are to be made by the Leader or the Cabinet.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

7.1 Shared service allows the ICT service access to more resources, thus improving its ability to support all current corporate priority and transformation programmes.

7.2 The shared service approach also allows the Council to reduce the current costs of short term resources required by transformation programmes and priority outcomes.

8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

8.1 Procurement does not need to comment on matters relating to terms of reference for the Joint Committee.

Chief Finance Officer

8.2 There are no additional resource requirements arising from this decision.

Assistant Director of Corporate Governance

8.3 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report, and makes the following comments.

8.4 In accordance with the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012/1019, the Leader and the Cabinet (unless the Leader directs otherwise) may make arrangements to discharge their Executive functions jointly with another local authority through a Joint Committee created for that purpose. That includes appointments of Cabinet members to the committee.

Equality Impact Analysis

8.5 An EqIA was completed in relation to the original proposal for Haringey to join the shared ICT Digital service in March 2016. The EqIA concluded that any future decisions likely to impact upon service delivery to customers or upon staffing would be subject to further consultation and assessment of equality impacts. The decision to approve the Joint Committee terms of reference completed in August 2016 was not anticipated to impact upon staff or service users and therefore the equality impact assessment was not updated at this stage.'

8.6 The Council has a public sector equality duty under the Equalities Act (2010) to have due regard to:

- Tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

9. Use of Appendices

None

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 Cabinet Report on Shared ICT Service 15th March 2016

10.2 Leaders Signing Shared ICT and Digital Services: Joint Committee: Terms of References 22nd August 2016