

MINUTES OF CABINET MEMBER SIGNING HELD ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026, 2:00PM – 2:15PM

PRESENT: Councillor Peray Ahmet, Leader of the Council

In attendance: Jess Crowe, Corporate Director of Culture, Strategy and Communities Kenneth Tharp, Director of Culture and Communities and Nazyer Choudhury, Principal Committee Co-Ordinator

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Cabinet Member referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS/ QUESTIONS

There were none.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES FOR HARINGEY CULTURE COLLECTIVE

The report sought the Leader's approval to appoint two new Trustees to the Board of Haringey Culture Collective (HCC), in line with recommendations made by the HCC Board of Trustees. It also gave notice that an open recruitment process for additional Trustees has been initiated, with a view to returning recommended candidates for Council approval in May 2026.

There had been an open recruitment process and the Council publicly advertised through a newsletter (which had a leadership of over 5,000 people). The Council extensively used community networks and a local voluntary sector. A variety of different routes was used to try and raise awareness.

The Council was using all social media platforms as well as using its own personal networks, increasing amount of interest.

The Cabinet Member RESOLVED

1. To approve the appointment of Emete Kirton and Marcus Davey to the Board of Trustees of Haringey Culture Collective, as recommended by the existing Board of Trustees.
2. To note the initiation of an open recruitment process to appoint further Trustees to the Board.
3. To agree that the recommended candidates from the open recruitment be brought back for Council approval in May 2026.

Reasons for decision

The Haringey Culture Collective (HCC) Board was originally established with five Trustees comprised of three Council officers and two independents. The intention has always been to review the skills and expertise required to oversee the London Borough of Culture delivery and to expand the Board accordingly.

A full skills audit had been carried out by the existing Trustees, identifying gaps in areas such as cultural leadership, community representation, and specialist expertise. The Board agreed on both the targeted appointment of suitable individuals and the initiation of an open recruitment process to ensure transparency and representation.

Appointments of members of the public to boards of Council-owned companies and charities fell under the Leader's delegated authority, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, and must be based on recommendations from the organisation's governing board.

Trustees were unpaid and as such this decision did not incur significant expenditure nor create financial implications for the Council. It therefore did not meet the threshold for a key decision, as it did not involve significant cost to the Council or impact communities across two or more wards.

Alternative options considered

Do nothing. This option was rejected as the skills audit confirmed that not expanding the Board would limit the HCC's capacity to govern effectively and deliver the London Borough of Culture 2027 programme.

Only undertake open recruitment without targeted appointments. This option was rejected because two candidates with critical, needed expertise have already been identified and approved by the Board through its established governance.

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor Peray Ahmet

Signed by Cabinet Member.....

Date13 April 2026.....