

**Report for:** Full Council – 13 July 2020

**Title:** **Appointments to Committees and Appointments to Outside Bodies.**

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** Non Key Decision

### **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 This report sets out changes to the appointment of councillors to serve on Committees during the municipal year 2019/20. These changes were notified by the political group Chief Whips. The Council is required to ensure that appointments to which the political balance rules apply are made in accordance with those rules.
- 1.2 The report further includes changes to outside bodies' representation which have been notified by the Leader and are executive related.
- 1.3 Changes to appointments and Outside Bodies can be made at any stage during the Municipal Year with the changes being reported to the Council as appropriate.

### **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 Council is asked to:
  1. Agree the changes to Committee appointments as set out at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4.
  2. Note the changes to Outside Bodies outlined at Appendix 1.

### **4. Background information**

- 4.1 The Chief Executive was notified by the Labour Group Chief Whip of the resignation of the Chair of Regulatory Committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. The Chief Executive was advised on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 by the Labour Group Chief Whip that Cllr Sarah Williams is the proposed Councillor to fill this vacancy and this is put forward for Full Council approval.
- 4.2 The Chief Executive was further notified by the Labour Group Chief Whip of the following changes to Labour Group membership of committees:

- The resignation of Cllr Bull from the Staffing and Remuneration Committee and his proposed replacement, Cllr White.
- The resignation of Cllr Rice from the Staffing and Remuneration Committee and his proposed replacement, Cllr Stennett.
- Cllr Tucker proposed to fill the Labour vacancy on the Regulatory Committee as a result of the resignation of Cllr Carroll and the nomination of Cllr Williams as Chair of the Committee.

4.3 The Chief Executive was further notified by the Liberal Democrat Chief Whip of

- The resignation of Cllr Cawley – Harrison from Standards Committee and his proposed replacement, Cllr Ogiehor.

4.4 The Leader has notified the Chief Executive of his resignation as a Member of the Health and Wellbeing Board and has nominated Cllr Mark Blake, Cabinet Member for Communities and Equalities as a local authority Councillor with voting rights to continue local authority representation on the Board. The nomination for this position is in accordance with the terms of reference of the committee as set out in part three Section B, paragraph 8.4 of the constitution and conforms to the section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Full Council are asked to confirm this appointment.

4.5 There is a wider review of the terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board being undertaken which will be consulted on. The revised terms of reference will be put forward to the next full Council in November.

4.6 Full Council are asked to note the changes to memberships of Association and Partnership Outside Bodies arising from changes to Cabinet membership. These Outside bodies exercise Executive functions and are nominated to by the Leader. These are set out at Appendix 2.

**5. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities) Finance and Procurement**

5.1 No comments.

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5.2 The 1989 Act requires political balance in the distribution of seats on committees to be undertaken “so far as is reasonably practicable” thus recognising that a mathematically precise split between political parties cannot always be achieved.

- 5.3 The rules in section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require that a party with a majority on full Council shall have a majority of seats on each non-executive body and this rule takes precedence over the rules requiring an exact political balance on those bodies individually and taken as a whole.
- 5.4 Section 194 (subsections 2 (a), 3 & 4) of the Health and Social Care Act 2014 provides that membership of the HWB must include at least one councillor nominated by the leader of the local authority. Instead of or in addition to making a nomination, the leader may also be a member of the HWB. In respect of HWB, Regulation 7 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 disapplies the political balance requirements as set out in sections 15 and 16 of, and Schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 1989 Act, which apply to local authorities in relation to appointments to committees and sub-committees.

## **6. Use of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Outside Bodies Executive related changes

### **7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

- 7.1 Background documents:
- *Appointments to Cttees 2018/19*
  - *Haringey Council's Constitution*
- 7.2 The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.
- 7.3 To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 0208 489 2929.