

Report for: Full Council – 13 February 2023

Title: **To make appointments to Council Committees and Outside Bodies 2022/23**

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Ward(s) affected: All

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

1.Describe the issue under consideration

To advise the Council of nominations of Council representatives to fill vacancies on outside bodies and seek approval for appointments. This is in accordance with Part 2 of the Constitution, paragraph 4.02(p).

The Chief Whip of the Labour Group has advised that Cllr Collett will fill the vacant position on Collage Arts Management Committee and Cllr Peacock will fill the vacant position on RFCA for London.

Following the change in polictial membership of the Labour Group, Cllr Mark Blake will replace Cllr Joy Wallace on the Alexandra Palalce and Park Statutory Advisory Committee in accordance with paragraph 4.8.

The Chief Whip of the Labour Group has also notified that Cllr Ibrahim Ali will replace Cllr Felicia Opoku on the Tottenham District Charity and Cllr Mary Mason will replace Cllr das Neves on The Bridge Renewal Trust.

The Muswell Hill Youth Centre is deemed a borough community body, and has made contact with the Council seeking appointment of three Council members to their management committee in accordance with their scheme. Property services have clarified that this is not a Council owned building. The Charity Scheme for this organisation was approved by the Charity Commission on the 7 March 1977.This indicated that the Trustees of MH Youth Centre are Managing Trustees for the purpose of administering and managing the Charity. The Council was appointed Custodian Trustee for the Charity for Muswell Hill Youth Centre and has a right to put forward 3 representative management committee members.

The management committee meets approximately every 6 - 8 weeks, depending on availability and how much business there is to conduct and oversees the provision of services aimed at young people.

The Labour group have nominated Cllr Brennan and Cllr Culverwell to these vacant positions and offered a third nomination to the Liberal Democrat group and Cllr Isiliar -Gosling is nominated to fill this position.

The Labour Group further wishes to make a change to the membership of the Strategic Planning Committee and is seeking agreement for Cllr Cathy Brennan to replace Cllr Yvonne Say on Strategic Planning Committee.

2.Cabinet Member Introduction

2.1 N/A

3.Recommendations

- 3.1 To approve the nomination of Cllr Collett to Collage Arts Management Committee until May 2026.
- 3.2 To approve the nomination of Cllr Peacock to RFCA for London until May 2023.
- 3.3 To approve the nomination of Cllr Ali to the Tottenham District Charity to replace Cllr Opoku.
- 3.4 To approve the nomination of Cllr Mary Mason to the Bridge Renewal Trust, to replace Cllr das Neves.
- 3.5 To approve the nomination of Cllr Mark Blake to replace Cllr Joy Wallace on the Alexandra Palalce and Park Statutory Advisory Committee .
- 3.6 To nominate Cllr Brennan, Cllr Culverwell, Cllr Isilar - Gosling to the Muswell Hill Youth Centre Management Committee.
- 3.7 To approve the appointment of Cllr Cathy Brennan to the Strategic Planning Committee to replace Cllr Yvonne Say.

4.Background information

- 4.1 Part 2 of the Constitution, paragraph 4.02 (p) indicates that full Council will appoint representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is a Cabinet function or has been delegated by the Council.
- 4.2 Section 10.08 of Part 2 of the Constitution advises that the Council has nomination rights to a large number of different external bodies, referred to as 'organisations'. The practice of making nominations to organisations is a benefit to the Council and the links created contribute to the social well-being of the borough.
- 4.3 These organisations can be categorised as follows:
 - A. Association bodies, such as the Local Government Association or Association of London Government joint committees and panels.
 - B. Community or voluntary bodies which cover a very wide spectrum of organisations serving the community , or community groups, in various ways.
 - C. Partnership bodies which will usually involve the Council working with other agencies on local issues or projects.

- D. Statutory bodies, where the Borough of Haringey needs to be represented by law.
- E. Trusts and Foundations which generally have more specific and prescribed objectives.
- 4.4 As set out in section 10.08(b) the nominations to all outside bodies are made and confirmed at each Annual General Meeting. Where there is an association or partnership body exercising executive functions, then nominations of the Cabinet Member will be made by the Leader of the Council, or the Cabinet with the Leader's agreement and recorded in the list approved at the AGM.
- 4.5 The Constitution continues to advise that future nominations to voluntary or community bodies will generally be in a non – voting, “observer” capacity only, in order to avoid the greater potential for conflicts of interest. Nominated members will not participate in management or decision – making within the organisation. Their role will be to assist in the exchange of information and views between the organisation and the council .
- 4.6 Nominations to other organisations will generally be in a full voting capacity, that is the member should participate fully in management and decision making within the organisation.
- 4.7 Appointments to outside bodies are not covered by the political balance rules. Appointments to outside bodies are discretionary and should be made with regard to the suitability of the appointee for the role, taking into account the nature of the body concerned.
- 4.8 Officers will advise members on the type of representation required for different bodies. Where bodies have multiple representation and where the appointee(s) is not prescriptive (i.e. must be a Cabinet member) it for majority group to determine whether they wish to offer some places to the opposition
- 4.9 Council Standing Order 3.1(Viii) indicates that changes to the membership of committees can be taken forward throughout the municipal year.

5. Use of Appendices

None

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 6.1 Background documents:
- Appointments to outside bodies 2022/23
- 6.2 The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.
- 6.3 To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 0208 489 2929.

