

**Report for:** Full Council -

**Title:** **Update to Appointments to Outside Bodies 2024/2025**

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/**

**Non Key Decision:** Non Key Decisions

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

- 1.1 To advise the Council of changes to nominations of Council representatives on outside bodies.
- 1.2 This change is for Council to note as an association body exercising executive functions as set out in article 10.8b(i).
- 1.3 To note that Cllr Peray Ahmet, Leader of the Council, is nominated to the LGA Grants Committee as the lead member representing Haringey at Grants Committee and this change is reflected at Appendix 1.

## **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

- 2.1 N/A

## **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 To note that the Leader of the Council, Cllr Peray Ahmet is nominated to the LGA Grants Committee as the lead representative for Haringey and that Cllr Williams, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning (Deputy Leader) is the Deputy. This is an Association body which mainly exercise 'executive' functions and the change is set out at Appendix 1 and in accordance with article 10.8b(i).

## **4. Background information**

- 4.1 Part 2 of the Constitution, Article 4, paragraph 4.02(o) 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 Article 10.08 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 Article 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 attached appendices provide information on the capacity in which members have been nominated, the duration of the appointment and any other relevant terms and conditions. These will be recorded in the minutes and nominations will be stated as being made "at the request of the Council".
- 4.6 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 .
- 4.7 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.

- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 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 is for majority group to determine whether they wish to offer some places to the opposition.

## **5. Use of Appendices**

None

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

- 6.1 Background documents:
- Appointments to outside bodies 2023/24
- 6.2 The background papers are located at George Meehan House, 294 High Road London N22 8JZ
- 6.3 To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 0208 489 2929.