

Haringey Council

Report for:	Decision by the Leader of the Council – December 2012	Item Number:	
Title:	London Housing Consortium - Membership		
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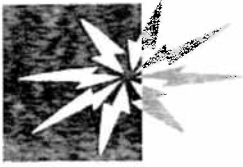
1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 Following Cabinet approval to the establishment of Joint Committee of London boroughs to discharge the functions of the London Housing Consortium (LHC), it is intended that the Joint Committee will hold its first meeting on 7 December 2012.

1.2 At the annual meeting the Council appointed Councillors Bevan and Egan to the LHC for the municipal year 2012/13. The Joint Committee will discharge only executive functions and the members of it must be appointed by their respective Councils' executives. In order that Cllr Bevan and Egan may participate in the business of the Joint Committee it is necessary for them to be reappointed by the executive (the Leader), for the remainder of the municipal year.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

2.1 This report is presented for an executive decision by the Leader for technical reasons because the appointment of members by the Council at the annual meeting does not meet legal requirements that appointments to a body discharging executive functions must be made by the executive. Unless these



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appointments are made, the Council cannot be represented at the newly established joint committee which meets on 7 December and as the Council's nominee I would not be eligible to attend or stand as Chair of the Joint Committee, a position I currently hold under the old arrangements.

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that Councillor Bevan and Councillor Egan be appointed to the London Housing Consortium Joint Committee for the remainder of the 2012/13 municipal year.

4. Alternative options considered

4.1 There are no alternative options. If the Members are not reappointed they will not be able to sit on the Joint Committee and Haringey will not be represented.

5. Background information

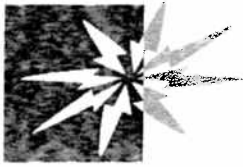
5.1 On 7 February 2012 Cabinet resolved that a joint committee be established to effect the governance and management of LHC, comprising the London Borough of Haringey jointly with one or more of the other ten participating authorities who also resolve to become members. The Joint Committee was authorised to exercise the Council's executive functions in relation to the LHC. Cllr Bevan, Cabinet Member for Housing was appointed as the Council's representative on the Joint Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2011/12.

5.2 At the annual meeting in May 2012, the Council appointed Cllr Bevan and Cllr Egan as the Council's representatives on the Joint Committee for the 2012/13 municipal year.

5.3 The Joint Committee is to be established at its first meeting on 7 December 2012 and will comprise some eight London boroughs. As the Joint Committee will discharge the executive functions of the participating authorities in relation to LHC, the members must be appointed by the executives of those authorities. Consequently it is necessary for the appointments made by Council in May to be made afresh by the executive for the remainder of the current municipal year.

5.4 Where 5 or more authorities form a joint committee, Regulations provide that the membership of the joint committee need not be entirely comprised of executive members and where that is the case, other Regulations concerning publicity prior to and following the making of key decisions do not apply. To minimise the administration surrounding the Joint Committee it is written into the draft constitution that each participating authority should appoint one executive member and one non-executive member. The Council's nominees fulfil these criteria.

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications



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6.1 The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this report and has no specific observations to make and also confirms that there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. Head of Legal Services and legal implications

7.1 The establishment of the Joint Committee meets all relevant legal requirements and the appointment of the members must also be sufficient to enable executive functions to be discharged which require appointment by the executive of the authority (the Leader).

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

8.1 N/A

9. Head of Procurement Comments

9.1 N/A

10. Policy Implication

10.1 N/A

11. Reasons for Decision

11.1 To facilitate representation for Haringey Council on the newly established LHC Joint Committee.

12. Use of Appendices

12.1 N/A

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

13.1 N/A

