

RECORD OF MAYOR'S URGENT ACTION

Title of Report: Appointment to Outside Bodies

Reason for urgency or

Relevant paragraph for authority under scheme of delegation

Part 3 Section E, Section 1 - Scheme of delegation section 5, indicates that where action needs to be taken on an urgent matter between meetings of the Cabinet, or any Committee or Sub Committee of the Cabinet or Council this can be taken forward by the Leader for Executive functions and in the case of non Executive functions, the director can take the decision in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

Decision of the Interim Chief Executive

Signature



Date

12th June 2017

Concurrence of the Mayor – Chair of full Council



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Report for: Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

Title: Appointment to Outside Bodies

Report authorised by: Bernie Ryan, Assistant Director – Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

Lead Officer: Michael Kay, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

Ward(s) affected: N/A

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

1 Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 At Annual Council on 22 May, appointments were made to Outside Bodies. Cllr Reith, as Chief Whip, asked that the appointments to the Lea Valley Regional Park Authority not be agreed at that point and be considered at a later date. Following consideration of the appointment, it has been requested that Cllr Ahmet be appointed, with Cllr Bevan as the Deputy. This is a four year appointment from 30 June, to expire in May 2021.
- 1.2 In addition, a request has been made that Cllr Bevan be appointed to the Groundwork London Local Authority Strategic Input Board, which was listed as a vacancy in the report to Annual Council. This is a one year appointment, to expire in May 2018.

2 Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that:
- Councillor Peray Ahmet be appointed to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, with Councillor John Bevan as her Deputy;
 - Councillor John Bevan be appointed to Groundwork London Local Authority Strategic Input Board.

4 Reason for Decision

- 4.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies are reserved to Full Council, and making an appointment before the next meeting on 24 July would allow

the Members to participate in meetings of the respective outside bodies in the interim.

5 Alternative Options Considered

- 5.1 If these appointments were not made between meetings, there would be an impact on the ability of Members to participate in the work of the outside bodies, in particular the AGM of the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.

6 Background information

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 These organisations can be categorized 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.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 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 organization. Their role will be to assist in the exchange of information and views between the organization and the council.

- 6.6 The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority is a statutory body, and the Groundwork London Local Authority Strategic Input Board is in the category of trust or foundation.
- 7 Statutory Officers' comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities**
- 7.1 Finance**
- N/A
- 7.2 Legal**
- The legal and constitutional implications are set out in the body of the report.
- 7.3 Equalities**
- N/A
- 9 Use of appendices**
- Not used
- 10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**
- N/A