

INFORMATION OBTAINED ON THE COUNCIL'S CURRENT OUTSIDE BODIES

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Table 1: Summary of outside bodies included in review *Details are provided in the details section of this appendix at page references shown.

Organisation	Page *	Response received from Org?*	Recommendation*	Officer comments received?*	No. of Nominees Permitted	Nomination type and requirements	Current Council Nominee(s) and subs
Action for Bow	6	Yes			1	Appts to the Management Board of Trustees. Member only.	Councillor Marc Francis
Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee	7	Yes	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	2	Members or officers	Councillor Peter Golds, Councillor Clare Harrison
Bromley by Bow Centre	8	No		Yes	1	Member or officer	Councillor Rachael Saunders
Create London	9	No		Yes	1	Member only.	Councillor Denise Jones
Cultural Industries Development Agency	10	No	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1	Member only.	Currently vacant or subject to review
Davenant Centre	11	Yes		Yes	2	Apps to Board of Directors. Members or officers	Mr Andy Scott, Ms Jackie Odunoye
Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre	13	Yes	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1	To Board of Trustees. Can be Member, officer or lay member. +1 deputy	Councillor Dave Chesterton
East End Community Foundation	14	No		Yes	1	Member only.	Currently vacant or subject to review
East End Homes Board	15	Yes			2	Appts to Board. Can be Member, officer or lay members	Mr Motin Uz-Zaman, Councillor John Pierce

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East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust (East London NHS Foundation Trust)	16	Yes			1	Members, officers or lay persons	Councillor Denise Jones
East London Nursing Society Trust	18	See details	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	3	Members, officers or lay persons	Councillor Denise Jones
English Heritage - Historic Environment Champion	19	No		Yes	1		Councillor Amina Ali
Greater London Enterprise	20	No	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	2		Currently vacant or subject to review
Green Candle Dance Company	21	Yes	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1	Board of Trustees. Member + 1 deputy	Currently vacant or subject to review
Greenwich & Docklands Festival	23	Yes		Yes	1		Councillor Amina Ali
Jagonari Women's Education & Resource Centre	24	No		Yes	1		Currently vacant or subject to review
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	25	Yes		Yes	1	+ 1 Deputy. Members. Daytime meetings. Appts to Management Board but could also be to committees.	Councillor Dave Chesterton, Councillor Denise Jones
LHC (London Housing Consortium)	27	Yes			2	To LHC Board. 1 must be Executive Member, other can be non-Exec Member +1 deputy.	Councillor Rachel Blake, Councillor Joshua Peck
London Road Safety Council (formerly London Accident Prevention Council)	28	Yes			3	2 Member/1 Officer.	Currently vacant or subject to review

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London City Airport Consultative Committee	29	Yes			1	+ 1 Deputy. Member only.	Amina Ali, Councillor Clare Harrisson
London Youth Games Ltd	30	No		Yes	1	+1 Deputy	Councillor Amina Ali
Merchant Navy Welfare Board	31	No	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1		Councillor Amina Ali
Mudchute Association (Park and Farm)	32	No	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1		Currently vacant or subject to review
Norton Folgate Almshouse Charities	33	Yes			3	Can be Member, Officer or lay persons	Mr Dean Jones
Ocean Regeneration Trust Board	34	Yes		Yes	2	Member only.	Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Councillor Ayas Miah
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London	36	Yes			1	+1 Deputy; Member only.	Councillor Peter Golds
Ricardo Community Foundation (St Clements Hospital)	38	Yes	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1	Appts to Board. Member or officer.	Councillor Rachael Saunders
Rich Mix Cultural Foundation	39	Yes		Yes	2	Member only. Nominations to Board of Trustees.	Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE, Councillor Candida Ronald
Spitalfields Market Community Trust	41	No		Yes	3	Member only.	Currently vacant or subject to review
St.Paul's Way School Foundation Trust - Member Authorised Representative	42	No			1		Councillor Rachel Blake
Stepney Relief in Need Charity	43	Yes		Yes	3	Can be Member, Officer or lay persons.	Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Councillor Ayas Miah

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The Henderson Charity	44	No	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1		Currently vacant or subject to review
Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust	45	No		Yes	2		Councillor Rachel Blake, Ms Christine McInnes
Tower Hamlets Community Housing	47	Yes		Yes	2	Appts to Board. Members, officers or lay persons. Will become Directors and Trustees of THCH.	Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Tower Hamlets Community Transport	49	Yes			1	Member only.	Councillor Ayas Miah
Tower Hamlets Education Partnership Advisory Council	50	Yes			1	Member only.	Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs
Tower Hamlets Sports Council	52	See details		Yes	7	Member only.	Currently vacant or subject to review
Tower Project	52	Yes		Yes	1	To Management Cttee. Member only.	Councillor Rachel Blake
V & A Museum of Childhood	53	Yes		Yes	1	To Museum Committee. Member only.	Councillor Clare Harrisson, Councillor Denise Jones
Whitechapel Art Gallery	55	Yes		Yes	1	Board of Trustees. Member only.	Councillor Danny Hassell
Women's Environmental Network	57	Yes	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1	Nominee to Board of Trustees. Must be Member.	Councillor Shiria Khatun
Women's Library Council	59	No	Recommend discontinue nominations.	Yes	1	Member only.	Currently vacant or subject to review

ACTION FOR BOW

Summary of activities and aims

Action for Bow has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

Action for Bow makes grants to appropriate organisations for them to provide services that will assist and enhance the economic, social and environmental development of Bow East and Bow West wards.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

Grants are given to support a wide range of beneficial activities including education and training, employment opportunities, healthy living and activities for residents of all ages.

Notes on nominees

Action for Bow has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of the needs of Bow residents and the ability to assess the ability of applicants for grants to assist to meet these needs.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has reported they understand Action for Bow distributes small grants in Bow and feel that a member representative should continue.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

BILLINGSGATE MARKET CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Summary of activities and aims

The City of London Corporation (of which this outside body is a committee) has informed the Council that the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee is no longer operational.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not made any specific comments about Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

A prosperous community

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

*Officers have had no engagement form this Committee.
Suggests minimal impact risk.*

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

BROMLEY BY BOW CENTRE

Summary of activities and aims

Bromley by Bow Centre has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

The Bromley by Bow Centre is an innovative community organisation in east London, working in one of the most deprived boroughs in the UK. Supporting families, young people and adults of all ages to learn new skills, improve their health and wellbeing, find employment and develop the confidence to achieve their goals and transform their lives.

Notes on nominees

Bromley by Bow Centre has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has reported that they understand that Bromley By Bow Centre is a community centre and service provider in Bow and they feel that a Council Member representative should continue.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Under the strategic outcome "Residents in good quality, well paid jobs" is the action "Improve the quality and availability of skills training and ESOL provision, and better coordinate the provision of both third sector and private sector employment support"

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

The Bromley-by-Bow Centre a significant provider of employment and skills services to local residents, in addition to their health offer and community regeneration agenda. Not having Council representation on this body could limit the our ability to ensure our strategies are aligned and work programmes are not duplicating functions

CREATE LONDON

Summary of activities and aims

Create London has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

Create exists to explore the ways artists can contribute to the lives of people in cities, primarily focused in east London, We help artists to connect more closely with communities through an ambitious programme of projects.

Notes on nominees

Create London has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Create London.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

This organisation supports the Council's strategic priority to "create and maintain a vibrant and successful place", and the outcomes around growing a local offer of activities

Officers have not offered any specific comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body.

CULTURAL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Summary of activities and aims

Cultural Industries Development Agency has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information. The Council has received a return to sender notification from the Post Office, so it appears likely the body is no longer operational in the borough.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Cultural Industries Development Agency.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

a prosperous community

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

With the continuing work across Fish Island, Hackney Wick and the emerging Creative Enterprise Zone, TH has various options to engage with and develop the creative economy agenda. Suggests minimal impact risk.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

DAVENANT CENTRE

Summary of activities and aims

Davenant Centre has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To promote the benefit of those living or working in Tower Hamlets, and utilization of the building for such ends, the advancement of education and work training, recreation, and advice and assistance.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

The Davenant Centre provides accommodation to voluntary and community organisations which make an important contribution to supporting local groups and individuals with particular needs, in four buildings which it owns, located close to Whitechapel Station. The Davenant Centre is keen to work with the council to identify opportunities to deliver its wider objects, particularly where synergies may exist with the Council's aims for promoting education/training, employment and enterprise.

Notes on nominees

Davenant Centre has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Essential attributes are strong links into and knowledge of the local community and a good working knowledge of the Council's key services and major initiatives as they relate to community and economic development in the western wards would be helpful. Other useful skills include expertise in financial management, legal knowledge, corporate governance, organisation and management, or community and youth work and education.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Davenant Centre.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Promotes reduction in drug offending and mis-use. (a healthy and supportive community)

Provides space for Bangladeshi Childcare centre (a safe and cohesive community) Historic asset in the Borough (a great place to live)

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

The council has a financial stake in the organisation. Any decline could result in financial loss to the council. It is therefore recommended the Council continues to nominate representatives.

DOCKLANDS SAILING AND WATER SPORTS CENTRE

Summary of activities and aims

Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for any water related recreation activities at the Docklands Sailing Centre, Millwall Dock and elsewhere in the United Kingdom for the public benefit in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of persons of all ages living in London who have need of such facilities.

Notes on nominees

Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Planning and Development Committee knowledge. Business development. Volunteer management. Knowledge of social enterprise operation.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

While this organisation makes a contribution to the skill levels, and health of its users, it does not readily fit within the Council's priority outcomes any more than other local sporting institutions that the Council does not have representation on, and as such, other forms of engagement beside having an appointed member of its Governance structure should be appropriate.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

EAST END COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Summary of activities and aims

East End Community Foundation has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

East End Community Foundation is a unique partnership of businesses, charities and public bodies dedicated to improving opportunities for people living in London's East End. We fund grass roots organisations, directly deliver projects and work with local businesses to raise educational achievement, enhance employability and increase social cohesion.

Notes on nominees

East End Community Foundation has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about East End Community Foundation.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

A prosperous community.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

Risk of loss of opportunity to influence funding options and delivery alignment with Council priorities following funding awards to the organisation. Some reputational risk for non engagement.

EAST END HOMES BOARD

Summary of activities and aims

East End Homes Board has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

Eastend Homes is a Housing Association providing new affordable homes for local people and management of approximately 3,700 tenanted and leaseholder homes on estates across Tower Hamlets.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

The provision of good housing services and the building of new homes for local people in housing need.

Notes on nominees

East End Homes Board has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Council nominees to East End Homes Board must demonstrate support and commitment to the ethos, work and strategies of East End Homes.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has reported that they understand East End Homes is a Local Housing Association and they feel that a Council Member representative should continue.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

EAST LONDON & THE CITY UNIVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH NHS TRUST (EAST LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

Summary of activities and aims

East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust (East London NHS Foundation Trust) has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

ELFT provides a wide range of community and inpatient services to children, young people, adults of working age, older adults and forensic services to the City of London, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Bedfordshire and Luton.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

ELFT provides in-patient and community mental health services in Tower Hamlets

Notes on nominees

East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust (East London NHS Foundation Trust) has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

The Council has an important role to:

- Advise the Trust's Board of Directors on how the Trust can meet the needs of members and local communities;*
- Be involved in the strategic and forward plans for the Trust;*
- Act as guardians to ensure the Trust complies with its obligations; and*
- Act as a link between the Trust and local communities.*

In addition to representing their organisation on the Council, we hope that appointed governors will provide a perspective of the wider health community and be a knowledgeable source for other governors to develop a better understanding of the environment in which the Trust operates.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust (East London NHS Foundation Trust).

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

EAST LONDON NURSING SOCIETY TRUST

Summary of activities and aims

East London Nursing Society Trust has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information, but has been in touch. The representatives of the body have reported some dissatisfaction with what they feel to be insufficient attendance from nominated Council representatives. They have declined the opportunity to provide more detailed information on their activities and aims, citing in part, a lack of capacity.

Notes on nominees

East London Nursing Society Trust has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about East London Nursing Society Trust.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

The Council understands that this organisation is a grant making body to the "poor sick", with an annual income of around £11,500 (averaged over the past five years). Historically, the Council has had two Members on this committee Link to Priority One: Gaps in inequality have reduced and diversity is embraced/mitigating the impact on welfare reform to our most vulnerable residents (Tower Hamlets Strategic plan 2016-19)

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

Low risk.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

HISTORIC ENGLAND (FORMERLY ENGLISH HERITAGE) - HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT CHAMPION

Summary of activities and aims

English Heritage has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

English Heritage exists to protect and promote England's spectacular historic environment and ensure that its past is researched and understood.

Officers from the Place Directorate have advised this body is now known as 'Historic England'.

Notes on nominees

English Heritage/Historic England has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about English Heritage/Historic England.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Protection of the borough's Built Environment Heritage and represent the boroughs rich history and special places.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

The Council should remain informed of the debates surrounding the historic environment as it has over 2000 listed buildings and 58 conservation areas within its boundary. Many of the areas are household names and resonate as special with local people.

GREATER LONDON ENTERPRISE

Summary of activities and aims

Greater London Enterprise has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information. The Council understands this body may now be called 'Newable' and have contacted the body to ask whether its aims and activities have changed from what it currently has on file, which is:

GLE is one of the most active and creative supporters of small businesses, working to create jobs, encourage enterprise and equip SMEs with the expertise and resources to compete.

Notes on nominees

Greater London Enterprise has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

A Councillors has reported that whilst they were nominated to Greater London Enterprise they did not receive invitations to meetings or papers.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

A prosperous community.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

Regional organisation promoting small business start up and growth. Continuous engagement and partnership working exists and therefore withdrawal of senior representation would have minimal impact risk.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

GREEN CANDLE DANCE COMPANY

Summary of activities and aims

Green Candle Dance Company has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

Green Candle is a dance company, known for its work involving both young and older people with and without disabilities. Our main objective is to provide dance experiences to those with least access to it, within both educational and community settings, regardless of age or ability.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

We believe everyone has the right to express and enjoy themselves through dance.

From its base in East London for over 30 years, Green Candle Dance Company has been bringing the experience of dance to all ages, abilities and stages of life.

We are leaders in delivering dance performances, workshops, projects and sessions in community and health care settings.

We challenge the conventional boundaries of dance by engaging participants and audiences from traditionally excluded communities.

Notes on nominees

Green Candle Dance Company has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of education or health-related matters or dance.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has reported that they understand the Green Candle Dance Company is a very small dance company which does some really interesting work in the borough, mainly with older people; and that whilst the body is funded through the grants programme, they see no reason why there should be a Council nominee on their board. Their opinion is that the level of investment doesn't warrant this.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

While this organisation makes a contribution to the skill levels, and health of its users, it does not readily fit within the Council's priority outcomes any more than other local sporting institutions that the Council does not have representation on, and as such, other forms of engagement beside having an appointed member of its Governance structure should be appropriate.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

GREENWICH & DOCKLANDS FESTIVAL

Summary of activities and aims

Greenwich & Docklands Festival has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

Greenwich+Docklands Festivals is one of the UK's most ambitious and prolific outdoor arts organisations in the UK. Committed to transforming communities through free outdoor arts, we set out to attract and engage with large, diverse audiences through ground-breaking live performance in surprising and everyday public spaces.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

The high impact arts events which Greenwich+Docklands Festivals presents in the Borough of Tower Hamlets contribute to its vibrancy and success by generating a special sense of community cohesion. Remarkable shared moments that reclaim the streets as safe and enjoyable places for people of all ages to come together enhance the Borough's appeal as a great place to live and visit.

Notes on nominees

Greenwich & Docklands Festival has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Greenwich & Docklands Festival.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

JAGONARI WOMEN'S EDUCATION & RESOURCE CENTRE

Summary of activities and aims

Jagonari Women's Education & Resource Centre has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

Jagonari Women's Educational Resource Centre is a community centre situated in the heart of Whitechapel; the centre is largely used by women, families and children to access core services in respect of adult learning, training & employment, health & wellbeing, crèche and nursery, women ahead.

Notes on nominees

Jagonari Women's Education & Resource Centre has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not made any substantial comments about Jagonari Women's Education & Resource Centre, but have suggested that the body may no longer be in operation.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Under the strategic outcome "Residents in good quality, well paid jobs" is the action "Improve the quality and availability of skills training and ESOL provision, and better coordinate the provision of both third sector and private sector employment support"

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

This organisation provides services that align to the Council's strategic agenda, and as such, ongoing Board representation enables the Council to coordinate and grow the local offer. Discontinuing Council representation would reduce the Council's direct involvement in an institution that shares our agenda.

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Summary of activities and aims

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority will lead the delivery of a world class leisure destination through a range of private and public sector partnerships whilst maximising value for money for the taxpayers of London, Essex and Herts.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority contributes to achievement of Priority Outcome 2 (Creating and maintaining a vibrant and successful place - an improved local environment) by assisting with Key Deliverable 4 (Implement the Council's Biodiversity Strategy and deliver year 3 of the action plan to protect and enhance the borough's biodiversity) by active management of its green spaces (East India Dock Basin) within the borough.

The body has also asked that the Committee notes the following:

The 28 Members of this Authority are made by virtue of the Lee Valley Regional Park Act 1966. There is a statutory requirement for Tower Hamlets Council to appoint 1 Member to this Authority.

Notes on nominees

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Able to participate collectively in the development of policy direction, strategic thinking and innovation within the Authority, through the development of management policy, business plans and participation in the activities of the Authority's committee structure. To be an ambassador for the Authority promoting its activities and ambition within the LB of Tower Hamlets and beyond.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Under the strategic outcome 'an improved local environment' there is the action "developmental pressure through the preparation of a new Local Plan and provide effective local infrastructure, services and facilities'

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

The Open Spaces Strategy (2017), and Indoor Sports Facilities Strategy (2017) confirm that Tower Hamlets has an under-supply of green space and sports facilities. The Lea Valley is critical to meeting demand for sports facilities and open space, despite being just outside the Borough. Therefore from a planning and community infrastructure perspective, a loss of representation would limit the Council's ability to leverage facilities and spaces in the Lea Valley for Tower Hamlets residents.

LHC (LONDON HOUSING CONSORTIUM)

Summary of activities and aims

LHC (London Housing Consortium) has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

LHC is a leading provider of free to use Framework Agreements used by Local Authorities, social landlords and other public sector bodies to procure works, products and services for the construction, refurbishment and maintenance of social housing and public buildings.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

- 1. Influencing the future direction of LHC, including the identification of new products and services which could be beneficial to the Council*
- 2. An attendance fee for Board meetings;*
- 3. Increased learning of procurement practices and technical know-how for use by Council officers in carrying out its own procurement programmes.*

Notes on nominees

LHC (London Housing Consortium) has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of social housing sector and an interest in LHCs activities.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have indicated that they feel the Council's representation on this body should be reconsidered, including giving consideration to whether a senior officer could attend instead of a Councillor (at present this is not possible as LHC's governance arrangements only allow for Councillor reps). Councillors also understand that the Council does not commission the services of London Housing Consortium and therefore question whether it should nominate representatives to it.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

LONDON ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL (FORMERLY LONDON ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL)

Summary of activities and aims

London Road Safety Council (formerly London Accident Prevention Council) has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To work with all London local authorities to reduce road casualties in Greater London through sharing of ideas, experiences and to promote collaborative working.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

By improving the quality of life and wellbeing of residents and visitors by making roads safer for all. Increasing knowledge of Elected Members so they can be more effective on this matter.

Notes on nominees

London Road Safety Council (formerly London Accident Prevention Council) has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Ideally the Cabinet Member and deputy with responsibilities for highways or health. However, an interest in road safety is a welcome criteria, since we provide training for elected members through online resources.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about London Road Safety Council/London Accident Prevention Council.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

LONDON CITY AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Summary of activities and aims

London City Airport Consultative Committee has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

The London City Airport Consultative Committee provides an effective forum for the discussion of all matters concerning the development or operation of the Airport, which have an impact on the users of the Airport and on people living and working in the surrounding area.

For full TORs see <http://lcacc.org/constitution/>

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

The LCACC's role is to provide a positive, inclusive and interactive forum for discussion on all matters concerning the development or operation of the Airport which have an impact on the users of the airport and on people living and working in the surrounding area, including residents of Tower Hamlets. The LCACC monitors noise complaints, environmental impacts, and development plans.

Notes on nominees

London City Airport Consultative Committee has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of the effects of the airport on the local area, including noise, environment, transport and planning aspects.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about London City Airport Consultative Committee.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

LONDON YOUTH GAMES LTD

Summary of activities and aims

London Youth Games Ltd has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

The London Youth Games are managed by London Youth Games (LYG) Foundation, a registered charity set up in 1986. Borough teams have competed on an annual basis for the Jubilee Trophy and the event has grown into Europe's largest annual youth sports event.

Notes on nominees

London Youth Games Ltd has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about London Youth Games Ltd.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

This organisation's work is aligned to the Council's physical activity and sport agenda as well as the agenda to reduce crime and anti social behaviour. Local Board representation is currently provided by the Chair of the Wapping Hockey Club.

MERCHANT NAVY WELFARE BOARD

Summary of activities and aims

Merchant Navy Welfare Board has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information. The Council has received a return to sender notification from the Post Office, so it appears likely the body is no longer operational in the borough.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Merchant Navy Welfare Board.

Officer analysis

Unknown: Officers are not aware of the work this outside body does and therefore have not been able to suggest how it might contribute to the Council's priorities or identify any risks to the Council should it choose not to nominate representatives to it.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

MUDCHUTE ASSOCIATION (PARK AND FARM)

Summary of activities and aims

Mudchute Association (Park and Farm) has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

Mudchute farm and park is a 32 acre site which is open to the public with views across London. In partnership with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets we preserve the open space and make it available for events, community groups or just your simple family picnic.

Notes on nominees

Mudchute Association (Park and Farm) has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Mudchute Association (Park and Farm).

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

While this organisation makes a contribution to the skill levels, and health of its users, it does not readily fit within the Council's priority outcomes any more than other local sporting institutions, and as such, other forms of engagement beside having an appointed member of its Governance structure should be appropriate.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

NORTON FOLGATE ALMSHOUSE CHARITIES

Summary of activities and aims

Norton Folgate Almshouse Charities has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To provide social housing accommodation for local people in need of help.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

By providing social housing accommodation for local people in need of help.

Notes on nominees

Norton Folgate Almshouse Charities has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Varies depending on the skills held by existing trustees but including:

- housing*
- law*
- finance*
- governance*
- pastoral support*
- development and architecture.*

Councillor feedback

A Councillors has reported they feel the Council should continue to nominate to Norton Folgate Almshouse Charities, but have noted that the nominee doesn't have to be a Councillor.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

OCEAN REGENERATION TRUST BOARD

Summary of activities and aims

Ocean Regeneration Trust Board has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To develop the capacity and skills of the members of socially and disadvantaged communities in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society, in particular (but not limited to) in the area of the Ocean Estate in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

*Facilitating joint working between Ocean RSLs and TRAs (Improved local environment)
ORT Community Grants support community and voluntary activities and fill gaps in local provision (Communities engaged, resilient and cohesive)
Delivering services to disadvantaged women from the local community to help them towards social and economic independence through community building, personal development and support, skills training and progression into work (Residents into good quality, well-paid jobs)*

Notes on nominees

Ocean Regeneration Trust Board has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of the Ocean Estate and the potential of local residents and the challenges they face.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has reported that they feel that Council should continue to nominate to Ocean Regeneration Trust Board, but that they feel it may be appropriate to nominate a senior officer (at present this is not possible as the Trust's governance arrangements only allow for Councillor reps).

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Ocean Regeneration Trust was created in May 2008. It was established to own assets and receive income generated from the Ocean Regeneration Scheme for the benefit of the local community. ORT are currently in a successful partnership with City Gateway, running the Stepney Life Centre. The Centre addresses a need in the community focussing and designing women only services in literacy/numeracy, ESoL, apprenticeships, ICT, etc. The Trust run an annual community grants programme which reflects the Council's strategic priorities. They support short term projects – up to £5k – that cover school projects, local organisations delivering employment, welfare and money management advice, older people/environment projects (gardening), young person's ICT project and other varied and targeted projects that cover all ages and ethnicities in the Ocean area.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

Council representation on the Trust ensures transparency, it also encourages closer working relations between Trustees and officers. Council representation provides stability and overview of the Trust to the Council .

RESERVE FORCES AND CADETS ASSOCIATION FOR GREATER LONDON

Summary of activities and aims

Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To be an enduring and essential pillar in the delivery of support for the wellbeing of the Reserves & Cadets and, through our effectiveness and our position in the regions, to be the independent body that represents their interests and promotes understanding between the Armed Forces and civil society.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

- *We promote the interests of the Armed Forces.*
- *We champion the volunteer ethos both within and outside the Services.*
- *We are apolitical.*
- *We are independent (of the MOD and the chains of command) and autonomous (of each other); but, through our collegiate behaviour, we have national responsibility, influence and recognition.*
- *We support the work of third sector organisations which also contribute to the well-being of Service personnel and veterans.*

Notes on nominees

Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

The appointment of a Representative Councillor affords both direct access and a quick link between the RFCA and the local authority. There are many shared aims and objectives (e.g. youth policy, environmental issues and support to local employers) that can be more easily addressed by means of this connection. Perhaps best described as an 'intelligent customer', the Representative Councillor acts as an observer who is not required to take part in any decision-making but whose expertise and local knowledge can offer a useful (and sometimes vital) contribution to the business of the Association.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

RICARDO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (ST CLEMENTS HOSPITAL)

Summary of activities and aims

Ricardo Community Foundation (St Clements Hospital) has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

The Ricardo Community foundation will own the freehold at St Clements Hospital and therefore be entitled to the annual ground rent income. This income is to be used for charitable purposes for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Notes on nominees

Ricardo Community Foundation (St Clements Hospital) has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Ricardo Community Foundation (St Clements Hospital).

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Officers have limited information on this body, but understand it aims to "helps general public/mankind", offers grants to individuals, organisations and buildings/open space. Last submitted dormant accounts. Set up in 2015. Based in Uxbridge with no obvious link to Tower Hamlets.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

No risk.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

RICH MIX CULTURAL FOUNDATION

Summary of activities and aims

Rich Mix Cultural Foundation has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To advance the education of the public in the history of cultural diversity of migrant communities and their contributions to economic and cultural life; to advance the education of the public in art and culture of all types; to work towards the elimination of racial discrimination and to promote equality.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

Principally, in three ways. Through presenting a diverse international programme of film, music and performance. Through a programme of learning and participation benefiting schools, students and learners across the borough. And by acting as a resource, and providing space and support for, local artists, creative businesses and communities

Notes on nominees

Rich Mix Cultural Foundation has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of creative and cultural sectors. Knowledge of the successful operation and management of a charity or creative business. Strategic and business planning skills.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has made the following comments about Rich Mix Cultural Foundation:

The Council has made a substantial investment in this organisation and I think should continue to have nomination rights. Currently there are two Council nominations to the board and this could be reduced to one. The main reason to have a Tower Hamlets representative is to ensure that the organisation continues to provide a diverse programme reflecting the make-up of the population in Tower Hamlets, continues to work with schools in the borough and provides employment opportunities for residents in the borough.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Under the strategic outcome 'communities are engaged, resilient and cohesive' is the action 'establish a new collaborative relationship with the voluntary and community sector to deliver priority outcomes and build strong communities'

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

There are three Councillors on the Board of the Rich Mix Cultural Foundation [note: only two Councillors are nominated by the Council; one attends in a personal capacity]. The risks of reducing the representation may not be significant as the Council would still retain a steer on governance decisions relating to the Rich Mix's offer.

SPITALFIELDS MARKET COMMUNITY TRUST

Summary of activities and aims

Spitalfields Market Community Trust has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

Spitalfields Market Community Trust is a charity which works towards helping and raising money for charitable causes.

Notes on nominees

Spitalfields Market Community Trust has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Spitalfields Market Community Trust.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

*A prosperous community
A safe and cohesive community*

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

Risk of loss of opportunity to influence funding options and delivery alignment with Council priorities. Charitable Trust has significant influence in the local area and lack of engagement would create reputational damage for the Council, particularly at a time when the area around Petticoat Lane, Middlesex Street, Liverpool Street Station and linkages to street markets and Brick Lane is prominent in work with Corporation of London and Spitalfields partners.

ST.PAUL'S WAY SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST

Summary of activities and aims

St.Paul's Way School Foundation Trust has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

Notes on nominees

St.Paul's Way School Foundation Trust has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has reported that they feel that members should continue to be nominated to St.Paul's Way School Foundation Trust.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

STEPNEY RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Summary of activities and aims

Stepney Relief in Need Charity has described its activities and how it feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough as:

The trustees are only able to consider grants to applicants who live in the old metropolitan Borough of Stepney. Application forms must be completed and grants are normally made for white goods, beds, bed linen etc but cannot be used to pay loans, outstanding rent, council tax, utility bills etc.

Notes on nominees

Stepney Relief in Need Charity has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Someone who knows the Stepney area and has an understanding of benefits available to individuals and needs of individuals.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Stepney Relief in Need Charity. The Charity has recently written to the Council and is seeking a meeting with the Mayor.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Unknown: Officers are not aware of the work this outside body does and therefore have not been able to suggest how it might contribute to the Council's priorities or identify any risks to the Council should it choose not to nominate representatives to it.

THE HENDERSON CHARITY

Summary of activities and aims

The Henderson Charity has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information. The Council has received a return to sender notification from the Post Office, so it appears likely the body is no longer operational in the borough.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about The Henderson Charity.

Officer analysis

Unknown: Officers are not aware of the work this outside body does and therefore have not been able to suggest how it might contribute to the Council's priorities or identify any risks to the Council should it choose not to nominate representatives to it.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

TOWER HAMLETS AND CANARY WHARF FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST

Summary of activities and aims

Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust has not responded to the Council's request to provide updated information.

The information the Council currently has on file is:

The Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust exists to promote the advancement of further, higher and postgraduate education and vocational training among Tower Hamlets residents, with an emphasis on supporting vocational courses that lead to employment.

Notes on nominees

Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has suggested that it may be appropriate for the Council to nominate a senior officer instead of Councillors (note: current nominees are one Councillor and one officer).

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

This organisation supports the Council's strategic priorities around improving the skills and employment rates of Tower Hamlets residents.

Under the strategic outcome "Residents in good quality, well paid jobs" is the action "Improve the quality and availability of skills training and ESOL provision, and better coordinate the provision of both third sector and private sector employment support"

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

As this organisation is a disperser of grants to persons over 16 who need financial support with education and training, and was launched by the Council and Canary Wharf Limited

in 1990, it is important for the Council to retain an attractive role in its governance

TOWER HAMLETS COMMUNITY HOUSING

Summary of activities and aims

Tower Hamlets Community Housing has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To provide good quality housing and services for residents in Tower Hamlets.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

THCH provides over 3,000 homes of which about 2,000 are rented at social rent. THCH also owns and manages 7 community centres from where a wide range of activities of benefit to the community are provided. THCH plans to build more homes locally for people in housing need.

Notes on nominees

Tower Hamlets Community Housing has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Housing specific or business related skills, for example, in finance, audit (internal or external), property development or management, legal, health and safety, community development or a breadth of local knowledge that would help further THCH's objectives.

Tower Hamlets Community Housing has also asked the Council to note that its governance arrangements, including Council nominee number will be changed following the introduction of The Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (England) Regulations 2017 from May 2018.

Councillor feedback

A Councillor has reported that they understand Tower Hamlets Community Housing is a Local Housing Association and they feel that a Council Member representative should continue.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

THCH now operate in areas outside the Borough.

Officers have not offered any specific comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body.

TOWER HAMLETS COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Summary of activities and aims

Tower Hamlets Community Transport has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

We provide transport resources for Third Sector organisations working to support the needs of disadvantaged residents living in the London borough of Tower Hamlets

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

We provide a fleet of 16 wheelchair accessible small buses that enable disadvantaged residents to engage in social and recreational activities. Additionally the vehicles provide support for Third Sector Social Care organisations to transport their clients from home to Day Centres.

Notes on nominees

Tower Hamlets Community Transport has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of transport issues, legal or financial skills.

Tower Hamlets Community Transport has also asked the Council to note that, whilst it currently requires Member nomination, it would consider whether an officer or lay person may now be appropriate.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Tower Hamlets Community Transport.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

TOWER HAMLETS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

Summary of activities and aims

Tower Hamlets Education Partnership Advisory Council has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

The Tower Hamlets Education Partnership was established by school leaders to deliver high quality school improvement to all Tower Hamlets schools. Our schools operate as a family to support, challenge and encourage each other in their determination to do the very best for every child.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

*Our Vision is to:
Build on the existing local culture of collaborative working on school improvement.
Create and sustain an environment in which all the borough's children and young people experience the best possible educational opportunities, outcomes and life chances.
Model our shared values of aspiration, trust and support, equality and inclusion, transparency and accountability.
Improve outcomes in partner schools and accelerate progress for those who are still not achieving as they should.*

Notes on nominees

Tower Hamlets Education Partnership Advisory Council has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Representatives are expected to have a commitment to the Partnership's vision and a willingness to model and support our values of aspiration, trust and support, equality and inclusion, transparency and accountability.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Tower Hamlets Education Partnership Advisory Council.

Officer analysis

Officers have not offered any specific comments on how this outside body contributes to the Council's priorities or the risks of not having Council representatives on it.

TOWER HAMLETS SPORTS COUNCIL

Summary of activities and aims

Officers from the Council's Sport & Physical Activity Team have advised that, due to capacity issues, meetings of the Tower Hamlets Sports Council are on hold until further notice, but have provided some background information on the Sports Council below.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Tower Hamlets Sports Council.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

The Council is preparing a Physical Activity and Sport Strategy to guide the Council's work with partners to improve rates of physical activity among Tower Hamlets residents. A key element of this strategic work is to co-produce programmes of activity to engage more residents in activities that will help them be healthier and live longer.

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

The resources available to the Council to deliver the outcomes of a refreshed Physical Activity and Sport Strategy are constrained. This requires the Council to leverage capacity within the sport and physical activity sector to achieve the strategic aim of reaching the inactive. Not having representation on this body would limit the Council's ability to influence and ultimately co-produce programmes to achieve these outcomes.

TOWER PROJECT

Summary of activities and aims

Tower Project has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

The Tower Project is a community based voluntary sector organisation and award winning leading service provider for children and adults with a learning disability, sensory disability, autism, physical disability or health related condition.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

The Tower Project is the leading provider of disability services in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Notes on nominees

Tower Project has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of disability, education and social care.

Councillor feedback

A councillor has reported that they feel Members should continue to be nominated to Tower Project.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

This is a provider of commissioned services for us. I would say that this relationship is more appropriately managed through a formal contractual monitoring and lead commissioner arrangement and that there is no impact of stopping the current arrangements (but its not clear what they are.)

Tower Project are also key members of the LD partnership board and the sub groups.

Officers have not offered any specific comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body.

V & A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Summary of activities and aims

V & A Museum of Childhood has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

To encourage everyone to explore the themes of childhood past and present and develop an appreciation of creative design through our inspirational collections and programmes. The Museum is part of the V&A, housing the national childhood collection. The galleries are designed to show the collections in a way which i

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

Welcoming over 400,000 visitors through its doors every year, the V&A Museum of Childhood in London's Bethnal Green which houses the Victoria and Albert Museum's collection of childhood-related objects and artefacts, spanning the 1600s to the present day. The museum has a range of special exhibition's and displays, plus events and daily activities for families. The Museum runs a variety of free activities every day including storytelling, arts and crafts, tours and treasure hunt.

Notes on nominees

V & A Museum of Childhood has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Experience of working in or with the cultural/heritage sector.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about V & A Museum of Childhood.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Under the strategic outcome "Children get the best start in life and young people realise their potential" is the action "Improve educational aspiration and attainment"

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

The V&A Museum of Childhood is an important cultural and educational institution in the borough. Any loss of representation could limit the Council's ability to leverage the benefits of this outstanding community asset for local residents.

WHITECHAPEL ART GALLERY

Summary of activities and aims

Whitechapel Art Gallery has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

We bring together artists and audiences to give everyone a direct experience of art. For over a century the Gallery has premiered world-class artists. It is a touchstone for contemporary art internationally and plays a central role in London's cultural landscape. The Gallery is open all year round, and there is always something free to see.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

The Gallery is one of the Borough's greatest cultural assets, attracting almost 300,000 visitors from across the country and internationally, helping to build a prosperous local economy. 42,000 Tower Hamlets residents visit each year and we work in partnership with some 22 local community groups, helping to build a safe and cohesive community. Our cohort of local 5 to 21 year olds acts as cultural ambassadors in some of the toughest areas of the Borough to engage children in creativity.

Notes on nominees

Whitechapel Art Gallery has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Knowledge of the subsidised arts sector.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Whitechapel Art Gallery.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

This organisation supports the Council's strategic priority to "create and maintain a vibrant and successful place", and the outcomes around growing a local offer of activities

Officers have not offered any specific comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body.

WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

Summary of activities and aims

Women's Environmental Network has summarised its principal functions or objectives as:

WEN champions and supports local nature based projects helping people take better care of their own health and the planet. We support people come together and grow healthy organic food, improve health and wellbeing, build a sense of community across cultures, protect vital green spaces and reconnect urban communities with nature.

The body feels it contributes to the wellbeing of the borough in the following ways:

WEN run the Tower Hamlets Food Growing Network supporting community gardening and health and wellbeing projects. Four popular seasonal gatherings link local projects with global efforts and health and social care providers. We support projects contribute to local wellbeing through promotion, training, and resources. We lobby and advocate on behalf of important local green spaces that are a vital health resource and help the council achieve its strategy

Notes on nominees

Women's Environmental Network has suggested it would be desirable for nominees to it to have the following knowledge or skills:

Interest in green spaces, food growing and raising women's voices, especially amplifying BAME voices in decision making. Interest in green spaces, food growing and raising women's voices, especially amplifying BAME voices in decision making.

WEN has asked the Council to note that it would very much like to have an active Councillor representative.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Women's Environmental Network.

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Very limited

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

None.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.

WOMEN'S LIBRARY COUNCIL

Summary of activities and aims

Women's Library Council has recently informed the Council that due to new governance structures, it no longer requires representatives from LBTH.

Notes on nominees

Women's Library Council has not informed the Council of any specific knowledge or skills that nominees should possess.

Councillor feedback

Councillors have not offered any specific comments about Women's Library Council:

Officer analysis

Officers feel this outside body contributes to the following Council priorities and/or contributes in the following way:

Very limited

Officers have offered the following comments on the risks of not having Council representatives on this outside body:

None.

In light of the information obtained and summarised above, this review proposes that Council nominations to this outside body are discontinued.