

Non-Executive Report of the: Council 15 May 2019	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	Classification: Unrestricted
Appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
Wards affected	(All Wards);

Summary

A report at Item 8 of the Annual Council agenda recommends the establishment of Committees and Sub-Committee of the Council as set out in the Constitution; and the allocation of places on those committees and sub-committees in accordance with the proportionality rules.

The attached appendices set out the positions that are open to nomination from the political groups for (a) members of committees and sub-committees and (b) chairs of the Council committees in accordance with the places allocated. Any nominations received before the before the meeting will be tabled or appointments can be proposed at the meeting.

Recommendations:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Appoint members and substitute members to the committees and sub-committees of the Council and other bodies for the municipal year 2019/20 as set out at Appendix 1 attached or any further nominations made at the meeting.
2. Appoint the Chairs of Committees for 2019/20 from amongst the nominations listed at Appendix 2 attached or any further nominations made at the meeting.
3. Agree that in relation to any unfilled places within the seats allocated to a particular political group, the Council note that the Corporate Director, Governance has delegated authority subsequently to agree the appointments to those places in accordance with nominations from the relevant political group.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Council is required to appoint Councillors as Members to the various Committees listed in line with proportionality rules.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 There are no alternative options.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 Following the Council's decision to agree the establishment of committees and sub-committees of the Council as set out at Agenda Item 8; and the allocation of places on those committees and sub-committees in accordance with the proportionality rules, it is for Council to subsequently agree the appointment of Members to those Committees.
- 3.2 This report presents the proposed appointments for the political groups on the Council. Note that any appointments received after publication of the agenda will be circulated at the meeting for agreement. Each political group can also allocate up to three substitutes on each Committee where they have a place allocated.
- 3.3 Following the allocation to a political group by the Council, or a committee, of a seat or seats on a committee or sub-committee respectively, regulation 15 of the relevant Regulations provides that the political group has a period of three weeks from the date that notice is given to express its wishes in relation to the appointment to such a seat or seats. If the group fails to express its wishes within the prescribed period, the Council or committee may make such appointment to that seat or seats as they think fit. Further, the group to which a seat has been allocated is entitled to express a wish that the seat be filled by a member of a different political party or an ungrouped Councillor. However, that seat remains, in law, allocated to the first group and that group therefore retains the right to terminate the appointment.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 No implications arising from this report.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
 - Consultations,
 - Environmental (including air quality),
 - Risk Management,

- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

5.2 No implications arising from this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 There are no specific financial comments arising from this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 This report complies with statutory requirements regarding the establishment and appointment of committees and sub-committees. There are no other immediate legal implications arising from this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- Agenda Item 8 – Proportionality and Establishment of Committees

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Nominations of Members to Committees (information to be tabled)
- Appendix 2 – Nominations of Chairs to Committees (information to be tabled)

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None