

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

Thursday, 22 June 2017


Mayor's Decision Log No. 155

1. APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES (Pages 1 - 12)

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<p>Individual Mayoral Decision</p> <p>Decision Log No: 155</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: David Courcoux, Head of the Mayor's Office</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Appointments to External Bodies June 2017</p>	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	N/A
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As set out in the report to the General Purposes Committee on 3 July 2012, it is the responsibility of the Mayor to appoint representatives to certain External Bodies on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council.

The appendix attached to the report lists a set of proposed appointments to External Bodies for the Mayor to consider. Although appointments are usually reviewed each year, they are valid until such time as they are amended or renewed.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; and **other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

DECISION


The Mayor is recommended:

1. To agree the appointments to External Bodies as listed in Appendix 1 to the report.

APPROVALS

1. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed  Date 21/04/17

2. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)


I confirm that this decision:-


(a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR
(b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed  Date 21/06/17

3. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in paragraph above for the reasons set out in paragraphs 1 and 3.1, 3.2 in the attached report.

Signed  Date 22/6/17

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Appointments to External Bodies 2017/18	

Lead Member	Mayor John Biggs
Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager
Wards affected	All wards
Community Plan Theme	All
Key Decision?	No

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Recommendations:

The Mayor is recommended to:

1. Agree the appointments to External Bodies as shown in Appendix 1.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Appointing representatives to outside bodies increases the Council's engagement with the local community and improves its potential to offer leadership and guidance in relation to activities taking place in the Borough.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Mayor could decide not to make appointments to outside bodies at all. However, this is not recommended as it would reduce the Council's opportunity to be involved in and to support good work within the community and it would also reduce the Council's leadership opportunities. There are

also a number of bodies where the Council is required, or expected to provide a representative.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 Participating in the work of external bodies is an important part of the role of elected members but is different in nature from other aspects such as being a member of a local authority executive or sitting on regulatory committees. In some cases it will involve actively representing and defending the authority's interests on local authority associations. In others it will involve becoming a trustee of a charity or a director of a company limited by guarantee. In this case Members have a duty to act in the best interests of the organisation to which they have been appointed rather than exclusively pursue the authority's interests. There are potential tensions in carrying out this role effectively. To this end guidance will be sent to all those appointed to external bodies.
- 3.2 A key part of this role is ensuring that information about the activities of external bodies is communicated to the Council. Much of this may take place through day to day contact with colleagues or with officers responsible for that area of work.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1. Pursuant to section 9D(2) of the Local Government Act 2000, any function of the Council which is not specified in regulations is to be the responsibility of the Council's executive under executive arrangements. The relevant regulations which specify non-executive functions are the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 ("the Functions Regulations").
- 5.2. The Functions Regulations specify a category of functions which may be (but need not be) the responsibility of a local authority's executive. These are sometimes referred to as local choice functions. Included in the category of local choice functions is the appointment of any individual to anybody, other than the Council or a joint committee, and the revocation of any such appointment. The Council's Constitution (part 3.2.2) specifies that responsibility for such appointments lies with the Mayor if the appointment is made in relation to or in support of an executive function.
- 5.3. All bar two of the appointments in Appendix 1 relate to local choice functions and are the responsibility of the executive. The Mayor therefore has responsibility for these appointments under the Constitution. The remaining two are appointments made by the Mayor of London appointments but are in respect of Executive functions and it is for the Mayor to nominate.

- 5.4. When considering appointments or the approach to be taken to appointments, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who don't (the public sector equality duty). It is important to be satisfied that any process followed is supportive of equal opportunity.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Appointing representatives to outside bodies increases the Council's engagement with the local community and improves its potential to offer leadership and guidance in relation to activities taking place in the Borough.

7. BEST VALUE (BV IMPLICATIONS)

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Where appropriate it is important that any training/support needs of new appointees are identified by the bodies concerned and that appropriate training and support is delivered.
- 9.2 The appointment of representatives to external bodies enables the Council to strengthen links with the community. The appointment of representatives also contributes to the Council's leadership role in the community.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – List of Appointments to External Bodies

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

- N/A

APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES 2017

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s)
Action for Bow Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Marc Francis
Armed Forces Champion Term: 1 year	1	Mayor	Councillor Peter Golds
Bromley by Bow Centre Term: 1 year	1	Mayor	Councillor Rachael Saunders
Billingsgate Market Advisory Committee Term: 3 years	2 + 1 deputy	Mayor	Councillor Clare Harrison Councillor Peter Golds
Create London – Director Term: 1 year	1 (Member, officer or other)	Mayor	Councillor Denise Jones
Davenant Centre Term: 6 years	2	Mayor	Andy Scott Jackie Odunoye
Docklands Sailing & Water Sports Centre Term: 1 Year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Dave Chesterton
East End Nursing Society Trust Term: 1 year	Up to 3 (Members, officers or others)	Mayor	Councillor Rachael Saunders

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s)
East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Rachael Saunders
English Heritage – Historic Environment Champion <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Amina Ali
Greenwich & Docklands Festival <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Amina Ali
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 + 1 deputy	Mayor	Councillor Denise Jones Councillor Dave Chesterton (deputy)
Local Government Group Annual Conference	1 (Member)	Mayor's nominations appointments to be made by Council	Councillor Danny Hassell
London Legacy Development Corporation <i>Term: As determined by Mayor of London</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor of London appointment (nomination by Mayor)	Mayor John Biggs Councillor Sirajul Islam (deputy)

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London Legacy Development Corporation Planning Decisions Committee <i>Term: As determined by Mayor of London</i>	1 + 1 deputy (Members, officers or others)	Mayor of London appointment (nomination by Mayor)	Councillor Rachel Blake Councillor Danny Hassell (deputy)
London Youth Games Ltd <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 + 1 Deputy	Mayor	Councillor Amina Ali
Merchant Navy Welfare Board <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Amina Ali
Ocean Regeneration Trust Board <i>Term: 1 year</i>	2 (Members)	Mayor	Councillor Ayas Miah Councillor Sabina Akhtar
Older People's Member Champion <i>Term: 1 year</i>	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Rachael Saunders

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Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Peter Golds
Ricardo Community Foundation Term: 1 year		Mayor	Councillor Rachael Saunders
Rich Mix Cultural Foundation Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Mayor	Councillor Abdul Mukit Councillor Candida Ronald
St. Paul's Way School Foundation Trust – Member Authorised Representative Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Rachel Blake
Tower Hamlets/Canary Wharf Further Education Trust Term: 1 year	2 (Members, officers or others)	Mayor	Councillor Rachel Blake Christine McInnes

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment(s)
V & A Museum of Childhood Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Mayor	Councillor Denise Jones Councillor Clare Harrisson
Whitechapel Art Gallery Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Mayor	Councillor Danny Hassell
Women's Environmental Network Term: 1 year	1 (Member, officer, other - Must be female)	Mayor	Councillor Shiria Khatoon

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London Councils Appointments

Name of Committee & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Mayor or Council appointment	Appointment
London Councils Leaders Committee Term: 1 year	1 Member and up to 2 deputies	Mayor	Mayor John Biggs Councillor Sirajul Islam (deputy)
London Councils Transport and Environment Committee Term: 1 year	1 Member and up to 4 deputies	Mayor	Councillor Amrina Ali Councillor Rachel Blake (deputy)
London Councils Grants Committee Term: 1 year	1 Member and up to 4 deputies	Mayor	Councillor Abdul Mukit
Greater London Employment Forum Term: 1 year	1 Member	Mayor	Councillor David Edgar
London Councils Pensions CIV Sectoral Joint Committee Term: 1 year	1 Member	Mayor	Councillor Clare Harrisson

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