

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

Thursday, 30 August 2018

Mayor's Decision Log No. 181


1. **NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/19 - TRANCHE 1 (Pages 3 - 12)**

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Agenda Item 1

Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: 181	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: David Courcoux, Head of the Mayor's Office	Classification: Unrestricted
Nominations to Outside Bodies 2018/19 – Tranche 1	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	Not required
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	None
Reason for seeking an Individual Mayoral Decision:	This is routine administrative decision

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is the responsibility of the Mayor to nominate representatives to certain Outside Bodies on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council.

The appendix attached to the report lists a set of proposed appointments to Outside Bodies for the Mayor to consider. Although all appointments are reviewed regularly, they are, unless stated elsewhere in the attached report or Appendix 1, valid until such time as they are amended or renewed by a Mayoral decision.

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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; equalities implications, other statutory implications; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

DECISION

The Mayor is recommended to:

1. Agree the nominations to outside bodies as shown in Appendix 1.

APPROVALS

1. (If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy


I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor. I confirm that the Mayor and/or Lead Member have agreed to this decision being taken using this process.

Not Applicable

Signed Date

2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

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

Signed  Date *30/08/18*

3. 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 *30/8/18*

4. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in paragraphs 1.1, 3.1 and 3.2 in the attached report.

Signed  Date *30/8/18*

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Lead Member	Mayor John Biggs
Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	N/A
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working to respond to the changing needs of our borough

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Recommendations:

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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 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Participating in the work of outside 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 nominated to outside bodies.
- 3.2 A key part of this role is ensuring that information about the activities of outside 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. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nominating 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.

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.

Risk Management Implications

- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 The nomination of representatives to outside bodies enables the Council to strengthen links with the community. The nomination of representatives also contributes to the Council's leadership role in the community.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

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

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 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").
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 All 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.
- 7.4 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.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – List of nominees to Outside Bodies

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

- NONE.

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APPENDIX 1

Outside Body	Mayor or Council Nomination	Nominees permitted	2018/19 nominee(s)
Action for Bow	Mayor	1	Councillor Marc Francis
Armed Forces Champion	Mayor	1	Councillor Peter Golds
Bromley by Bow Centre	Mayor	1	Councillor Zenith Rahman
Create London	Mayor	1	Councillor Denise Jones
The Davenant Centre	Mayor	2	Andy Scott, Jackie Odunoye [until end of 2018/19 municipal year]
Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre	Mayor	1+1 deputy	Councillor Ehtasham Haque Deputy: Councillor Bex White
East End Homes Board	Mayor	2	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman, Councillor John Pierce
English Heritage - Historic Environment Champion	Mayor	1	Councillor Amina Ali
Greater London Employment Forum (London Councils)	Mayor	1	Mayor John Biggs
Greenwich & Docklands Festival	Mayor	1	Councillor Mufeedah Bustin
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	Mayor	1 + 1 Deputy.	Councillor Denise Jones Deputy: Councillor Candida Ronald

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London City Airport Consultative Committee	Mayor	1+ 1 Deputy.	Councillor Asma Begum
London Councils Grants Committee	Mayor	1 + up to 4 deputies	Councillor Candida Ronald Deputies Councillor David Edgar, Councillor Asma Begum, Councillor Amina Ali and Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman
London Councils Leaders Committee	Mayor	1 + up to 2 deputies	Mayor John Biggs Deputies: Rachel Blake and Sirajul Islam
London Councils Pensions Common Investment Vehicle Sectoral Joint Committee	Mayor	1	Councillor Muhammad HM Harun Deputy: Councillor Ehtasham Haque
London Councils Transport and Environment Committee	Mayor	1 + up to 4 deputies	Councillor David Edgar Deputies Councillor Rachel Blake and Councillor Amina Ali
London Road Safety Council	Mayor	3	Councillor David Edgar
Norton Folgate Almshouse Charities	Mayor	3	Mr Dean Jones, Mr Chris Weavers, Ms Isabelle Puchwein
Ocean Regeneration Trust Board	Mayor	2	Councillor Dipa Das
Older People's Member Champion	Mayor	1	Councillor Denise Jones (agreed at Cabinet meeting on June 27 2018)

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Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London	Mayor	1 +1 Deputy;	Councillor Peter Golds
Rich Mix Cultural Foundation	Mayor	2	Councillor Kevin Brady and Councillor Amina Ali
Tower Hamlets Community Transport	Mayor	1	Councillor James King
Tower Hamlets Education Partnership Advisory Council	Mayor	1	Councillor Danny Hassell
Tower Project	Mayor	1	Councillor Rachel Blake
V & A Museum of Childhood	Mayor	1	Councillor Denise Jones Deputy: Councillor Amina Ali
Whitechapel Art Gallery	Mayor	1	Councillor Kevin Brady
Women's Environmental Network	Mayor	1	Councillor Bex White

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