

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

Monday, 1 October 2018


Mayor's Decision Log No. 182

1. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 18-19 TRANCHE 2 (Pages 3 - 10)

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<p align="center">Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma</p> <p align="center">Decision Log No: 182</p>	 <p align="center">TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: David Courcoux, Head of the Mayor's Office</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p align="center">Nominations to Outside Bodies 2018/19 – Tranche 2</p>	

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 a 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.

This is the second round of nominations to Outside Bodies in 2018/19. The first round of nominations was made on 30 August 2018 as Mayoral Decision Number 181.

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.

Signed  Date 29/07/18

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

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 29/7/18

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 1/10/18

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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.
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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

- Mayoral Decision 181 - Nominations to Outside Bodies 2018/19 – Tranche 1, Mayor's Executive Decision Making, [Thursday, 30th August, 2018](#).

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – List of nominees to Outside Bodies, Tranche 2 2018/19.

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)
East London NHS Foundation Trust	Mayor	1	Cllr Denise Jones
London Youth Games	Mayor	1 +1 Deputy	Cllr Amina Ali Cllr Tarik Khan (Deputy)
University Schools Trust, East London	Mayor	1	Ronke Martins-Taylor
Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust	Mayor	2	Cllr Abdal Ullah Vicky Clark
Tower Hamlets Homes	Mayor	4	Cllr Sabina Akhtar Cllr John Pierce Cllr Asma Islam
Tower Hamlets Community Housing	Mayor	2	Cllr Kevin Brady

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