

Committee General Purposes Committee	Date 13th February, 2007	Classification Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No. 4.1
Report of: Assistant Chief Executive		Title		
Originating Officer(s): Angus Dixon		APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES AND COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL		
		Ward(s) affected: All		

SUMMARY

1. The Committee is requested to consider nominations received from the Council's political groups for positions on external bodies and committees of the Council. Since the Committee's last meeting on 15th November, 2006 a number of organisations have requested the Council to consider its nominations, and political groups have also requested renewed nominations to Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That further appointments be made to:
 - a. External bodies for the Municipal Year 2006/2007 as listed in Appendix A to the report.
 - b. Committees of the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/07 as listed in Appendix B to the report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)

LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background paper"

Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection

Letter received 'English Heritage'
Letter received 'London City Airport Consultative Committee'
General Purposes Minute Book

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BACKGROUND

3. The General Purposes Committee was established by Council on 13th April, 2005 to enable the swift determination of non-strategic issues, including appointments to external bodies and Committees of the Council. Since the Committee's last meeting on 15th November, 2006 a number of organisation have requested the Council to consider its nominations, and political groups have also requested renewed nominations to Committees.
4. The Committee is requested to consider the nominations for appointments to external bodies and committees of the Council which have been received from the political groups on the Council.

ROLE OF MEMBERS ON EXTERNAL BODIES

5. Participating in the work of external bodies is a key 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. Guidance formulated to assist members in carrying out this role has been circulated to all members of the Council and is on the members' intranet.
6. 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.
7. To ensure that this communication takes place consistently and effectively a framework has been agreed whereby Members appointed by the Council to external bodies will report regularly to this Committee on the work of the organisation with particular emphasis on any implications for the Council.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

That further appointments be made to:

- a. External bodies for the Municipal Year 2006/2007 as listed in Appendix A to the report.
- b. Committees of the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/07 as listed in Appendix B to the report.

Appendix A

ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF REPS. TO BE APPOINTED	ON-GOING APPOINTMENTS	CURRENT APPOINTMENTS	LABOUR GROUP NOMINATIONS 2006/2007	RESPECT GROUP NOMINATIONS 2006/2007	CONSERVATIVE GROUP NOMINATIONS 2006/2007	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP NOMINATIONS 2006/2007	APPOINTED AT GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 13 th February, 2007
East London Nursing Society	1		Mr Brian R. Boag	Ms Anna Lynch				
City Airport Consultation Group	1		new position	Cllr Bill Turner				
English Heritage	1		new position	Cllr Denise Jones				

APPENDIX B

POSITIONS ON COMMITTEES

The following nominations have been received:-

(i) Licensing Committee

Councillor Stephanie Eaton to be appointed to the Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Rajib Ahmed.