

REPORT TO:	ANNUAL COUNCIL
DATE:	20 MAY 2013
AGENDA ITEM:	7
SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENTS
LEAD OFFICER:	COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: To note all Executive appointments and to agree all Non-Executive Council appointments for the 2013-14 municipal year.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: There are no financial issues arising from the recommendations in this report.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: N/A	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Council is asked to agree (or receive for information as applicable) the following appointments where the number of nominations is equal to the number of available positions:
 - 1.1 To receive for information the appointments of Cabinet Members, Cabinet Committees and Deputy Cabinet Members (Blue Schedule);
 - 1.2 To receive for information the appointments of Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Cabinet (Blue Schedule);
 - 1.3 To receive for information the appointments of political party group officers (Blue Schedule);
 - 1.4 To receive for information the appointments to Joint Committees (Blue Schedule);
 - 1.5 To receive for information the appointments to London Councils Committees and Panels and Local Government Association bodies (Blue Schedule);
 - 1.6 To agree the appointments to Committees of the Council (Blue Schedule); and
 - 1.7 To agree the appointments to all other Panels, Working Groups and Outside Bodies (Pink Schedule) and agree that during the remainder of the Council year any vacancies be filled by the decision of the relevant Committee or by the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer on the recommendation of the appropriate Group Secretary in accordance with the Council's Constitution.
2. To receive for information the appointment of Councillors to the Health & Well Being Board by the Leader of the Council.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report details the Non-Executive appointments to be made by the Council for the Municipal Year 2013-14.

3. REPORT DETAIL

- 3.1 Part 4A of the Council's Constitution reserves the business of the Annual Meeting of the Council to a number of matters that includes the appointment of Members to Committees and other bodies.

- 3.2 Those appointments can be broadly divided into three categories: Non-Executive Appointments; Party Political Appointments; and External Appointments.

Executive Appointments

- 3.3 In accordance with Article 7 of the Council's Constitution, the power to make Executive Appointments is reserved to the Leader of the Council under the 'Strong Leader' model of decision making. This includes positions such as Cabinet Members and portfolios, Cabinet Committees and Joint Committees exercising Executive functions.

- 3.4 Those appointments that the Leader of the Council has made are listed in the attached 'Blue' and 'Pink' appointment schedules and are marked 'for information'.

Non-Executive Appointments

- 3.5 This category of appointments covers all Council positions that are not functions of the Executive, such as seats on Non-Executive Committees and outside bodies.

- 3.6 When making Non-Executive appointments, Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Duty to Give Effect to Allocations) requires the Council to give effect to any allocations in accordance with the wishes of the relevant party political groups. The wishes of the two party political groups represented on Croydon Council are listed in the attached 'Blue' and 'Pink' appointment schedules and are marked 'for agreement'. Council is recommended to agree those appointments.

Party Political Appointments

- 3.7 In accordance with Part 4A and Part 6A of the Council's Constitution, Annual Council is also asked to receive for information those appointments made by political parties represented on the Council.

- 3.8 Those appointments are also detailed in the 'Blue' and 'Pink' appointment schedules attached to this report and are marked 'for noting'. Council is asked to note those appointments.

External Appointments

- 3.9 Officers have been working with external organisations in order to review the number of appointments and to provide Members with information about those organisations' needs. The outcome is that in future the appointments to external organisations will be made for four years following elections. Annual appointments will be restricted to those organisations requiring annual appointments or where Members are unable to continue their membership. This year the appointments are confirmed for the remainder of the term (i.e. to 2014) unless otherwise indicated.

4. OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 A number of the appointments before Annual Council will attract a 'Special Responsibility Allowance' (SRA) in accordance with the Council's agreed Scheme of Members' Allowances. The Scheme states that no Member can receive more than one SRA. Those posts are as follows:

Leader of the Council
Leader of the Opposition
Deputy Leader(s)
Deputy Leader(s) of the Opposition
Cabinet Members
Deputy Cabinet Members
Shadow Cabinet Members
Chair of Scrutiny, Strategy & Overview Committee
Scrutiny Deputy Chair & Vice Chair(s)
Chair of Corporate Services Committee
Chair of Licensing Committee
Chair of Planning Committee
Chair of Strategic Planning Committee
Adoption Panel
Chair of Pension Committee
Chair of Audit Advisory Committee
Majority Group Secretary
Minority Group Secretary
Chief Whip (Majority Group)
Chief Whip (Minority Group)

- 4.2 The appointments are in keeping with the Council's Scheme of Members' Allowances (the Scheme). The Scheme was agreed by the Council on 19 July 2010 for a period of four years (Minute No. 13/2010 refers). In accordance with this Scheme co-optees would not be eligible to receive an SRA.

4.3 These appointments, unless otherwise indicated, will take effect immediately.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The recommendations contained within this report are compliant with the Council's duties under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Local Government Act 2000, the Licensing Act 2003 the Localism Act 2011, The Health and Social Care Act 2012, The police and Social Responsibility Act 2012 and the Council's Constitution.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None