

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>21 MAY 2015</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b> This is a constitutional requirement set out in Part 4A of the constitution.	
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY:</b> There are no financial issues arising from the recommendations in this report as the allowance payments are with the budget for this year.	
<b>FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.:</b> 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 agree the appointments to Committees of the Council (Blue Schedule); and
  - 1.2 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 Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer on the recommendation of the appropriate Group Secretary in accordance with the Council's Constitution  
And in consequence.
  - 1.3 To authorise the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution.
- 2 To receive for information the appointments of Cabinet Members, Cabinet Committees and Deputy Cabinet Members (Blue Schedule);
  - 2.1 To receive for information the appointments of Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Cabinet (Blue Schedule);
  - 2.2 To receive for information the appointments of political party group officers (Blue Schedule);
  - 2.3 To receive for information the appointments to Joint Committees (Blue Schedule);
  - 2.4 To receive for information the appointments to London Councils Committees and Panels and Local Government Association bodies (Blue Schedule);
  - 2.5 To receive for information the appointment of Councillors to the Health & Wellbeing 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 2015-16 and notes the Executive appointments made by the Leader.

## **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 'Executive 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 made by the Leader of the Council 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 reserved to 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 party political groups represented on the Council are listed in the attached 'Blue' and 'Pink' appointment schedules and are marked 'For agreement'. Council is recommended to agree those appointments. Section 16 of the same Act sets out the requirement for political proportionality.

### 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 the appointments to external organisations are made for four years following the Local elections. Annual appointments will be restricted to those organisations requiring annual appointments or where Members are unable to continue their membership.

### **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 & Overview Committee  
Scrutiny Deputy Chair & Vice Chair(s)  
Chair of General Purposes and Audit Committee  
Chair of Licensing Committee  
Chair of Planning Committee  
Adoption Panel  
Chair of Pension 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 15 July 2014 (Minute No. 13/2014 refers). In accordance with this Scheme co-optees and Non-Elected Independent Persons 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