



**Report of: Director of Law and Governance**

Meeting of:	Date	Ward(s)
Executive	21 March 2019	n/a

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE**

**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the appointment of members to the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee following the amendment of the composition of the committee by Council at its meeting on 28 February 2019.
- 1.2 The Composition of the committee now includes:
- The Leader of the Council
  - The Executive member for Community Development
  - The Executive member for Housing and Development
  - The Executive member with responsibility for Arts and Culture.
- 1.3 The Leader of the Council and Councillor Diarmaid Ward, were appointed at the Executive Meeting on 14 June 2018 and their appointments still stand. Executive approval is therefore sought for the following appointments:

**2. Recommendations**

(a) To appoint Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz to the VCS Committee, as the Executive Member with responsibility for Arts and Culture, for the remainder of the municipal year 2018/2019, or until a successor is appointed.

(b) To appoint Councillor Una O'Halloran to the VCS Committee, as the Executive Member for Community Development, for the remainder of the municipal year 2018/2019, or until a successor is appointed.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Voluntary and Community Sector Committee was established by the Executive in March

2011 to oversee the Council's engagement with the Islington community and voluntary sector and to ensure value for money and fairness in the allocation of council resources to the sector.

#### **4. Implications**

##### **4.1 Financial implications**

The Voluntary and Community Sector Committee approves allocation of the Islington Community Fund and the Islington proportion of the London Councils' Grants Committee budget.

##### **4.2 Legal Implications**

These are contained in the body of the report.

##### **4.3 Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications arising directly from this report.

##### **4.4 Resident Impact Assessment**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

The initial screening for a Resident Impact Assessment was completed and did not identify any negative equality impacts for any protected characteristic or any human rights or safeguarding risks. A significant proportion of the grants made by the Grants Committee are to organisations meeting the needs and priorities of a wide range of Islington's residents and are aimed at improving fairness and equality in the Borough.

#### **5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 5.1 The Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is a Committee of the Executive and therefore the Executive has responsibility for appointing its membership.

**Background papers:** None.

Final report clearance:

**Signed by:**



Director of Law and Governance

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