

Report of: Acting Director of Law and Governance

Meeting of:	Date	Ward(s)
Executive	15 October 2020	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 following Executive committee, joint committees and external organisations:
- Voluntary and Community Sector Committee
 - Associated Joint Committee - London Councils' Grants Committee
- 1.2 This report also seeks approval of the appointment of members to act as representatives of the Council at shareholder meetings of the London Collective Investment Vehicle (London LGPS CIV Limited).

2. Recommendations

(a) To appoint Councillor Richard Watts (Chair), Councillor Una O'Halloran, Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz and Councillor Diarmaid Ward as members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee and Councillors Champion, Gill, Lukes, Shaikh and Turan as substitutes, for the municipal year 2020/2021, or until successors are appointed.

(b) To appoint Councillor Anjna Khurana, Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo and Councillor Janet Burgess as observers of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, for the municipal year 2020/2021, or until successors are appointed.

(c) To appoint Councillor Richard Watts to the Associated Joint Committee – London Councils' Grants Committee and Councillors Gill, Comer-Schwartz, Shaikh, and O'Halloran as deputies, for the municipal year 2020/21, or until successors are appointed.

(d) To appoint Councillor Paul Convery as the Council's representative at shareholder meetings of the London Collective Investment Vehicle (London LGPS CIV Limited), for the municipal year 2020/21, or until a successor is appointed.

3. Background

3.1 VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE

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.

3.2 ASSOCIATED JOINT COMMITTEE - LONDON COUNCILS' GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Grants Committee of London Councils deals with the London Boroughs Grants Scheme for voluntary organisations under Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1985. Under the scheme, £8m a year is invested in voluntary organisations on behalf of all London councils. All of the grants seek to improve the lives of people who live, work in and visit London.

Membership

The Committee comprises 33 representative members, one from each of London's local councils. Under an agreement entered into by the London boroughs in respect of the Joint Committee, Islington Council is entitled to appoint an elected member representative and one or more deputies to the Joint Committee, who must all be members of the Executive.

3.3 THE LONDON COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT VEHICLE (LONDON LGPS CIV LIMITED)

The London Collective Investment Vehicle (London LGPS CIV Limited) has replaced the Pensions CIV Sectoral Joint Committee, which was established in December 2014 to act as a representative body for the London local authorities who are participating in the Local Government Pensions Scheme (LGPS) Collective Investment Vehicle in the form of an Authorised Contractual Scheme (an ACS Operator). Participation in the CIV enables the council to benefit from significant savings achieved through collective investment. The committee deals with specialist investment matters and it is recommended that the Chair of each borough's pension committee is appointed.

Oversight of the ACS Operator is an executive function. Accordingly, the Executive appoint the representative to attend the shareholder meetings of the London Collective Investment Vehicle (London LGPS CIV Limited).

MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE

3.4 JOINT COMMITTEE – LHC (LONDON HOUSING CONSORTIUM)

The LHC has existed since 1965 and was established as a Joint Committee in 2012 under section 105(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. The LHC is a self-financing organisation which provides specialist technical and procurement services for building programmes undertaken by its constituent local authorities and other public sector bodies.

Membership

Councillor Diarmaid Ward and Councillor Angela Picknell are serving as members of the LHC (London Housing Consortium) for a four-year term, until the next local government election in 2022, or until successors are appointed. The LHC is governed by a Board of Elected Members which comprises two voting Councillor representatives from the eleven local authority members, one of which will be an Executive Member.

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 and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030:

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 Executive is responsible for making these appointments to enable the Council's representatives to participate in meetings.

5.2 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:

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