

Law and Governance

Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD

Report of: Director of Law and Governance

Meeting of: Executive

Date: 14 July 2022

Ward(s): n/a

Subject: Appointments to be made by the Executive – Appointment to the London Councils' Grants Committee

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. This report seeks approval of the appointment of members to the London Councils' Grants Committee

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. To appoint Councillor Comer-Schwartz to the Associated Joint Committee – London Councils' Grants Committee and Councillors O'Halloran, Khondoker, Woolf and Turan as deputies, for the remainder of the municipal year, or until successors are appointed.

3. Background

- 3.1. 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, £6m 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.

3.2. 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.

In June 2022, the Executive agreed to appoint Councillor Una O'Halloran to the London Councils' Grants Committee and Councillors Khondoker, Woolf and Turan as deputies, for the municipal year 2022/23, or until successors are appointed.

Since then, Councillor Comer-Schwartz has been invited to serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee. It therefore proposed for Councillor Comer-Schwartz to replace Councillor O'Halloran as the Council's nominee to the Committee.

4. Implications

4.1. **Financial Implications**

4.1.1. As set out in the body of the report, the Council contributes to the funding of the London Councils' Grants Committee.

4.2. **Legal Implications**

4.2.1. As set out in the body of the report.

4.3. **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030**

4.3.1. There are no environmental implications arising directly from the report.

4.4. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

4.4.1. 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.

4.4.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report.

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.

Appendices:

- None.

Background papers:

- None

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



Director of Law and Governance

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