

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

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>
Executive	18 May 2023	n/a

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE 2023/24****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 Kaya Comer-Schwartz (Chair), Councillor Una O'Halloran, Councillor Roulin Khondoker and Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford as members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee and Councillors Rowena Champion, Diarmaid Ward, John Woolf, Michelline Ngongo and Nurullah Turan as substitutes, for the municipal year 2023/2024, or until successors are appointed.
- (b) To appoint Councillor Troy Gallagher, Councillor Jason Jackson and Councillor Asima Shaikh as observers of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, for the municipal year 2023/2024, or until successors are appointed.
- (c) To appoint Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz to the Associated Joint Committee – London Councils' Grants Committee and Councillors Khondoker, Ngongo, O'Halloran and Woolf as deputies, for the municipal year 2023/24, 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 2023/24, or until a successor is appointed.

### **3. Background**

#### **3.1 VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE**

The Voluntary and Community Sector Committee oversees 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).

### **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 Equalities 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.

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

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:

**Authorised  
by:**

Interim Director of Law and Governance

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