

Report of: Interim Director of Law and Governance

Meeting of: Executive

Date: 22 June 2023

Ward(s): n/a

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**Subject: APPOINTMENT TO BE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE TO  
THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR  
COMMITTEE 2023/24**

**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the appointment of Councillor Phil Graham as an observer to the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee in 2023/24, to replace Councillor Asima Shaikh, who has stepped down.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. To appoint Councillor Phil Graham as an observer to the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, to replace Councillor Asima Shaikh, who has stepped down, for the municipal year 2023/2024, or until a successor is appointed.

**3. Background**

**VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 The Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, which is a committee of the Executive, oversees the Council's engagement with the Islington community and voluntary sector and ensures value for money and fairness in the allocation of council resources to the sector.
- 3.2 At their meeting on 23 May 2023, the Executive appointed the membership of the Committee for the municipal year 2023/24, including observers. Since that time,

Councillor Asima Shaikh has stepped down as an observer to the Committee and Councillor Phil Graham has been nominated to replace her.

## 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**

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.

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 recommendation

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

**Final report clearance:**

Authorised by:

Interim Director of Law and Governance

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