



Report of: **Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Human Resources**

Meeting of:	Date	Ward(s)
Executive	12 March 2015	n/a

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

### **1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the appointment of Cllr Asima Shaikh to the Associated Joint Committee - London Councils' Grants Committee.

### **2. Recommendations**

(a) To appoint Cllr Asima Shaikh to replace Cllr Rakhia Ismail on the Associated Joint Committee – London Councils' Grants Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2014/2015, or until a successor are appointed.

### **3. Background**

#### **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, £28m a year is invested in voluntary organisations on behalf of all London councils. 400 organisations are funded, with individual grants ranging from between £5,000 and £500,000. All of the grants seek to improve the lives of people who live, work in and visit London.

These appointments are required to be made by the Executive because the exercise of functions under Section 48 of LGA 1985 is an executive function.

#### **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 also be members of the Executive.

### **4. Implications**

#### **4.1 Financial implications**

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, £28m a year is invested in voluntary organisations on behalf of all London councils. The Voluntary and

Community Sector Committee approves London Councils' Grants Committee budget and Islington's subscription each year.

#### 4.2 **Legal Implications**

These are contained in the body of the report.

#### 4.3 **Environmental Implications**

The environmental impacts have been considered and it was identified that the proposals in this report would have no adverse impacts on the following:

- Energy use and carbon emissions
- Use of natural resources
- Travel and transportation
- Waste and recycling
- Climate change adaptation
- Biodiversity
- Pollution

#### 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.

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 community and, in particular, aimed at improving fairness and equality in the Borough.

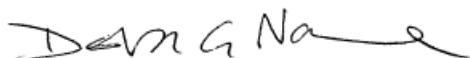
### 5. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 5.1 The Executive is responsible for making one member appointment and up to four deputies to the Grants Committee of London Councils to enable the Council's representatives to participate in meetings.

**Background papers:** None.

Final report clearance:

**Signed by:**



Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and  
Human Resources

13 February 2015

Date