

London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Report to: Full Council

Date: 15 July 2020

Subject: Council Appointments to Local Government Organisations and Outside Bodies

Report of: Councillor Stephen Cowan – The Leader of the Council

Responsible Director: Rhian Davies – Director of Resources

Summary

This report asks the Council to appoint representatives to Local Government Organisations and other Outside Bodies.

Recommendation

That the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 1, and to Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2, be agreed.

Wards Affected: All

H&F Priorities

Our Priorities	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Priorities
Doing things with residents and not to them	The nomination of Councillors and community representatives to outside bodies will ensure a better outcome for our residents.

Financial Impact

There are no direct financial implications.

Legal Implications

Full Council has the authority to appoint representatives to Outside Bodies.

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Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. Every year, the Council is approached by the Local Government Association, the London Councils and other key local government bodies to nominate representatives to their committees or boards. These representatives work on committees which lobby the Government and develop policy which affects local authorities.
2. The Council is also approached by local community organisations and charities to nominate people to their management boards or as trustees or directors. The Council acknowledges the significant contribution that these organisations make to the social fabric of our borough. Therefore, Councillors and residents who are actively involved in the local community and are willing to bring their wealth of experience to these organisations are appointed.
3. The Council is requested to make the appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 1, and to outside bodies, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report. Any midyear appointments to or removal from appropriate outside bodies, charitable organisations and Council-owned companies and subsidiaries will be undertaken by the Leader and ratified at the next council meeting.

REASONS FOR DECISION

4. The Council is asked annually to nominate Members to various Local Government Organisations in order to participate in discussions and contribute to policy development on issues affecting local government in general and Hammersmith and Fulham residents in particular. The appointments to the various outside bodies by the Council are in fulfilment of its commitment to support the third sector in Hammersmith & Fulham.

CONSULTATION

5. Local representatives have been consulted on their nominations.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no direct equality implications for groups with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. However, the Council's nominations to third sector and other users' groups will aim to ensure that the Council improves all aspects of how it works to tackle social exclusion.

Implications verified by: Fawad Bhatti, Policy & Strategy Officer, Tel. 07500 103617

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 - Nominations to Local Government Organisations 2020-21

Appendix 2 - Appointments to Outside Bodies 2020-21