

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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Title: Appointments to the Political Structure and Other Bodies 2020/21	
Report of the Director of Law and Governance	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
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Summary The Assembly is responsible for appointments to the political structure and various other internal and external bodies, except those reserved to the Leader and/or Cabinet Members. Appendix 1 to this report shows the proposed appointments for the 2020/21 municipal year relating to Council committees and other internal and external bodies which are the responsibility of the Assembly. Appendix 2 shows those appointments that do not require Assembly approval, including appointments made by the Leader and/or Cabinet Members to internal and external bodies. The annual appointment of the Mayor is, in normal circumstances, dealt with at the Ceremonial Council during May. However given the current COVID-19 restrictions on public interaction, it is proposed that the term of office of the current Mayor, Councillor Peter Chand, be extended to January 2021 at which point the Ceremonial Council would convene to appoint a new Mayor for the period up to May 2022.	
Recommendation(s) The Assembly is recommended to: (i) Approve the appointments to various Council committees and other internal and external bodies, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, (ii) Note the Council representation on committees and other internal and external bodies that do not require Assembly approval, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, and (iii) Agree the revised Mayoral arrangements for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 municipal years in the light of the COVID-19 restrictions as set out in the report.	

Reason(s)

To meet the statutory and constitutional requirements and to ensure relevant positions are appointed to.

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Part 2, Chapter 4 of the Constitution sets out the Assembly's responsibilities in respect of appointments to the political structure and various other internal and external bodies.
- 1.2 The appointments meet statutory and constitutional requirements and ensure the Council is able to proceed with the business reserved to the committees.
- 1.3 The nomination process for the various positions to which appointments are required for the municipal year 2020/21 is dealt with through party groups which, for Barking and Dagenham, is just the Labour Group.

2. Proposal and Issues

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the provisional schedule of nominations from the Labour Group for the 2020/21 municipal year in respect of appointments which the Assembly has responsibility for appointing to. These appointments relate to main Council committees and other internal and external body meetings
- 2.2 Appendix 2 shows the appointments made to other internal and external bodies which are either the responsibility of the Leader and/or Cabinet Members or do not otherwise require consideration at this meeting.
- 2.3 Any changes / additions to the information contained in the appendices will be reported at the meeting.
- 2.4 The annual appointment of the Mayor is, in normal circumstances, dealt with at the Ceremonial Council during May. However given the current COVID-19 restrictions on public interaction which are likely to considerably impact on the required duties of the Mayor for the foreseeable future, it is felt appropriate to extend the term of office of the current Mayor, Councillor Peter Chand, to January 2021. At that point, a meeting of the Ceremonial Council shall be convened to appoint a new Mayor for the period up to May 2022.

3. Options Appraisal

- 3.1 Any delay in reappointing Members to the various meetings and other bodies puts the normal decision-making process and business of the Council at risk.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with Members and officers as appropriate.

5. Financial Implications

Implications completed by Katherine Heffernan, Group Manager, Service Finance

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. This concerns the annual appointment of elected Members to Boards and Committees. Where an appointment carries an allowance the financial impact of this is set out in another report to this meeting.

6. Legal Implications

Implications completed by Dr Paul Feild, Senior Governance Lawyer

- 6.1 The Assembly is a meeting of full Council for the purposes of Section 8 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1972. This meeting of the Assembly is the annual meeting where the Council decides on the overall political structure and makes the necessary appointments
- 6.2 Part 2 (the Articles) of the Council's Constitution sets out the membership requirements and terms of reference for the various Council committees. The appointments in this report meet statutory and constitutional requirements and ensure the Council is able to proceed with the business reserved to each committee.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 - Nominations to main Council committees other internal and external body meetings 2020/21

Appendix 2 - Appointments made to other internal and external bodies not requiring Assembly approval