

Decision Maker: COUNCIL

Date: 15 May 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2012/13**

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 One of the recommendations of the Constitution Improvement Working Group, endorsed by Council on 15th December 2009, was that Councillors appointed to serve on outside bodies with a significant role and budget should be required to provide a short written statement to full Council at the end of each Council year.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Council is asked to note the reports from Councillors appointed to outside bodies.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Representation
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,187,980
 5. Source of funding: 2012/13 revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 0
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is provided for the benefit of Members of the Council and to provide transparency
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The Constitution Improvement Working Group in its third report, presented to full Council on 15th December 2009, recommended -

“That the Members appointed as the Council’s representatives on outside organisations with a significant role and budget, should be required to provide a short annual written report to the final Council meeting or PDS in each Municipal Year.”

3.2 This recommendation was duly approved by full Council, and reports are presented from a number of Members who have served as the Council’s representatives during 2012/13 on outside bodies with significant roles and budgets. Reports have been requested from the following Members -

Bromley Healthcare Council of Governors (Cllr Diane Smith)
Bromley Mytime Board (Cllr Tim Stevens)
Bromley Youth Music Trust Board of Directors (Cllr Kate Lymer)
Community Links Bromley (Cllrs Judi Ellis and Tony Owen)

3.3 Reports are attached as **Appendix 1** (any reports that are not available at the time of printing will be circulated for the meeting.)

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None

Appendix 1

Outside Body Reports 2012/13

Bromley Healthcare Council of Governors (Cllr Diane Smith)

Bromley Healthcare has been responsible for providing Community Health Services since 2011. The organisation is managed to ensure that local people and organisations that have a stake in local healthcare, can be involved in decision making and the delivery and development of services. As such I am responsible for representing the interests of the Local Authority as the LBB representative on the Bromley Healthcare Council of Governors.

During the last 12 months I have continued to attend the quarterly Council of Governors meetings ensuring that the business and objectives of the Local Authority are considered with regard to the planning and delivery of integrated community health and social care services, whilst taking into account the Public Health agenda and work streams that have been identified through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Over the last year I have continued to undertake a rolling programme of visits to services in which LBB has a key stakeholder interest – a very important part, in my view in the role of being a Governor.

I have visited the “Virtual Ward” at Crown Meadow Court which involves health and care providers working with social care to improve communication and proactively support residents in Extra Care Housing.

I have also visited and spent time with the Bromley Healthcare staff who are responsible for the delivery of the Diabetes service, where I was given the opportunity to talk to patients, thereby gaining an insight from them at first hand as to the value of the sessions for those who are newly diagnosed.

I have also toured and have spoken to the staff who provide both therapy and nursing input to the intermediate care beds at both Elmwood Care home in Bickley and Orpington Hospital. In addition I have also undertaken visits to Children’s services at Hollybank, the Phoenix Children’s Resource Centre and the Hawes Down disability centre in West Wickham.

I was also invited to Bromley Healthcare’s first AGM in September 2012 which also included the Staff awards ceremony. This was an excellent occasion celebrating the achievements of both the organisation and individual staff members responsible for the delivery of frontline services.

Bromley Youth Music Trust Board of Directors (Cllr Kate Lymer)

BYMT, which is now the Lead Partner in the new Bromley Music Education Hub, continues to operate as probably the largest youth service in the Borough, with more than 8,000 children receiving some form of high quality instrumental or vocal tuition on a regular basis, which enhances their social awareness, self-reliance and team skills. Unusually for a music service the Trust is engaged with almost every school in its local authority providing instrumental and vocal tuition and is working hard to develop its provision for SEN children. Some schools in Croydon and Kent are also receiving provision from BYMT. BYMT runs 32 different instrumental and vocal groups each week (including two adult groups) and a growing number of children attend from outside the Borough, bringing in additional income. BYMT North West

was founded last term, based at James Dixon Primary in Anerley, this new Saturday morning centre is funded by BYMT to make an additional provision for children in the less advantaged areas of Anerley and Penge.

The Trust runs an extensive programme of high quality performances, some additional highlights of the last few months include two performances of 'Les Miserables' in the wonderful new hall at Langley Park School for Boys, Handel's 'Messiah', with a visiting choir from Neuwied (Bromley's twin town), 40 members of Bromley Youth Concert Band performing Tchaikovsky's '1812' Overture with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in a packed Royal Albert Hall and brass players from BYMT performing with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Bromley Youth Concert Band have won a place in the National Festival of Music for Youth at Symphony Hall, Birmingham this July and in the same month will perform in the World Music Competition in the Netherlands.

BYMT currently receives funding from both Bromley Council and Arts Council England, which enables the Trust to reach so many children and to produce such high quality results at affordable prices, providing a very high level of return for both Bromley Council and the Government's investments.