

Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 10th February 2015

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

Title: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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Ward: Various

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 10th June 2014 the Committee made appointments to various outside bodies. This report picks up two outstanding appointments that have arisen since then and provides an update on a number of cases where the Committee asked that the continuing need for appointments to be made was reviewed.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That, subject to suitable nominations being received, appointments to the following outside bodies be made –

That Mrs M Jessiman, Mr Robert Mitchell and Councillor Russell Mellor be re-appointed to serve a further four year term on the Beckenham Parochial Charities ending on 24th January 2019.

That a member be appointed to the Diocese of Rochester Board of Education for the three year term of office ending 31st December 2017.

- (2) That appointments to the William Mosyer Charity, St Mary Cray, Bromley Relief in Need and the Joanna Collett Charity, Chelsfield remain in abeyance.

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: £1,165,780
 5. Source of funding: Revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 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): N/A
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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 At the first meeting of each Council year this Committee makes appointments to outside bodies on behalf of the Council. These are mainly annual appointments, but some are for three or four year terms, particularly in a Council election year, and some appointments end on specific dates throughout the year.
- 3.2 The Council appoints six people to the **Beckenham Parochial Charities**. These are four year terms; the appointments of Mr A J Duncan, Mrs G Scales and Mr M J Winsor run until 24th January 2017, but the appointments of Mrs M Jessiman, Mrs G Scales and Councillor Russell Mellor end on 24th January 2015. Confirmation is being sought that the latter three are willing to be re-appointed for a further four year term.
- 3.3 The Council appoints one member to the **Diocese of Rochester Board of Education** for a three year term of office. The term of former councillor Julian Grainger ended on 31st December 2014 and it is recommended that the Committee appoints a replacement.
- 3.4 At the last annual round of outside body appointments in June 2014 there were a number of cases where Members deferred making appointments subject to further investigations being carried out as to whether the appointments remained necessary. Some of these issues have been resolved, but the following cases remain outstanding –

William Mosyer Charity, St Mary Cray: This small charity relates to the Ancient Parish of St Mary Cray, and its objective is the relief of persons resident in the Parish who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. It is possible that it might be merged with other local charities; while this is explored it is recommended that appointments are deferred.

Bromley Relief in Need Charity: This charity's objectives are to provide relief from poverty by making grants to individuals within the ancient borough of Bromley (although there is discretion to make grants to those within the wider area represented by the modern borough.) Further information is awaited from the charity.

Joanna Collett Charity, Chelsfield: This charity was set up to provide funds for the maintenance of the church of St Martin of Tours, Chelsfield, and in particular the historic tomb of the Collett family. The charity is active and the trustees have been in contact with officers. However, there has been some historical confusion about the charity and a sister charity, the Colegates Charity, and it is recommended that appointments are deferred while the situation is clarified.

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| Non-Applicable Sections: | Policy/Finance/Legal/Personnel |
| Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer) | Outside Bodies Report to Committee on 10 th June 2014 |