

Decision Maker: COUNCIL

Date: 13th May 2015

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

Title: **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2014/15**

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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**

Council is asked to note the reports from Councillors appointed to outside bodies (appendix 1).

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: £1,055,820
 5. Source of funding: 2014/15 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 have been requested from a number of Members who have served as the Council’s representatives during 2014/15 on outside bodies with significant roles and budgets -

Affinity Sutton - London Regional Scrutiny Board (Cllrs Nicholas Bennett & Chris Pierce)
Mytime Active Board (Cllrs Nicholas Bennett & Tim Stevens)
Bromley Youth Music Trust Board of Directors (Cllr Kate Lymer)
Community Links Bromley (Cllrs Peter Fortune and Ellie Harmer)

3.3 Representation on Affinity Sutton has been split, with Cllr Nicholas Bennett resigning early in the year and Cllr Chris Pierce appointed in his place half way through the year. The Bromley Healthcare Council of Governors has featured in previous versions of this report, but was dissolved in the summer of 2014 and is therefore no longer included. Reports will be attached in **Appendix 1** as and when they become available.

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

**Affinity Sutton Housing Association London and East Regional Scrutiny Board –
Cllr Chris Pierce**

The Board is one of a number of established Regional Scrutiny Boards comprising representatives from Affinity Sutton, tenants and local authorities. Cllr William Huntingdon-Thresher sits on the Board as a nominee of the Housing Association. The Board continues to receive comments from Resident Area Panels (RAPs) which enable tenants in smaller areas within the region to voice their opinions. The National Residents Council (NRC) was held in Daventry on 14th and 15th November.

I was appointed to the Board as the LBB local authority representative in late 2014 and therefore could not attend the meeting on 10th December due to existing commitments.

I attended the subsequent meeting on 11th March at 6 More London Place.

The next meeting is to be held on 24th June when I am on holiday.

In 2014/15 scrutiny was completed on the ‘repairs to vulnerable residents’ service and an action plan was developed to deal with the findings.

Scrutiny subjects for 2015/16 are to be selected from

- Estate management
- Planned investment
- Communications
- Service charges
- Development re-lets
- Tenancy support/youth engagement.

On 7th May it is planned that Affinity Sutton Repairs (ASR) will take over maintenance and repairs for the 18,000 properties in London and Kent, effectively bringing the service back ‘in house’ at the expiry of the Osbourne contract.

**Report on representation on Bromley Youth Music Trust Board of Directors –
Cllr Kate Lymer**

Bromley Youth Music Trust continues to have a very high coverage, now delivering provision in 100% of primary schools and secondary schools in the borough. BYMT is now also providing various forms of instrumental tuition in one Kent primary school and in two Croydon secondary schools. Highlights of the last year include:

- 9,000 children received instrumental and vocal tuition
- 77,222 hours of high quality music lesson delivered
- 36 regular ensembles involving over 1,200 children
- 2,661 children performed at the Bromley Schools’ Prom
- 120 major concert performances
- New initiatives including the opening of BYMT Rock School
- Bromley Youth Concert Band “National Award Winners” at National Festival of Music for Youth
- 4 BYMT musicians are now members of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain
- Pre-school music offer now established with Monkey Music, Baby Ukulele and Crescendo

- SEN (Journey Project) in place for 2015 to enhance collaborative work between BYMT and our Special Needs Schools
- High quality CPD now in place termly for all BYMT staff, primary school music teachers and secondary school music teachers

The development of a comprehensive fundraising strategy is a priority for 2015/2016, and a robust plan is being put together in order to maintain arguably the best music service in the UK.