

Decision Maker: **GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Date: **8th November 2023**

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

Title: **OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS 2023/24**

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Ward: All

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 This Committee is responsible for making the Council's appointments to outside bodies. Most of these appointments are annual and are made by the Committee in May each year, but some have different timescales, and, occasionally, it is necessary to make new appointments when people stand down or fixed terms of office end.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is asked to note that Cllr Michael Tickner has decided to step down from the Beckenham Parochial Charities, so there is a vacancy for the four year term of office up to January 2027 which can be filled if a suitable candidate is found.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority:
(5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost No Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £402k
 5. Source of funding: Revenue budget
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (*current and additional*): 6
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This is not an executive decision
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: Not Applicable
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Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications: Not Applicable
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Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (*current and projected*): Not Applicable
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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 Committee is asked to make various appointments to partnerships and outside bodies on behalf of the Council. Most appointments are annual and follow the Council year, but there also a small number of longer appointments that run for three or four years and some vacancies arise when appointees step down.
- 3.2 The Council appoints six local people to the Beckenham Parochial Charities. The charity aims to provide and maintain good housing for needy people in Beckenham and Penge by providing small grants and also provides educational grants to young people in the area. In 2021, the Committee appointed Honorary Alderman Stephen Wells, Mr Gillian Scales and Mrs Kathryn Strachan for four-year terms expiring in 2025. In 2023, Honorary Alderman Russell Mellor, Mr Robin Mitchell and Councillor Michael Tickner were appointed for the four-year term ending in January 2027.
- 3.3 Councillor Michael Tickner has now stood down, so a vacancy has arisen. Although there has been little time to consult the Trustees on a potential replacement, if a suitable candidate emerges in time the Committee can appoint them if it wishes. Alternatively, the appointment can be deferred to the Committee's next meeting.

Non-Applicable Headings:	Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children/Policy/ Financial/Legal/Personnel/Procurement/Property/Health and Wellbeing/Carbon Reduction/Customers/ward Members
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	2023 Outside Bodies Report (GP&L Committee, 23 May 2023)