

<b>Committee(s):</b> Epping Forest and Commons Committee	<b>Date(s):</b> 12 May 2014
<b>Subject:</b> 2014/15 Committee Appointments	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>
<b><u>Summary</u></b>	
<p>The Committee is asked to consider its appointments for the next twelve months. Current membership of the various Sub Committees, Consultative Committees, Steering Groups and Management Project is explained in the attached appendix. Provision for appointing an observer from amongst the Verderers, to serve as an observer on the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee is also referred to. It is expected that this appointment would encompass the strategic open spaces capacity of that Committee.</p>	
<b><u>Recommendations</u></b>	
<p>I <b>recommend</b> that:-</p> <p>a) consideration be given to the appointment and composition of the following Sub Committees, Consultative Committees, Steering Groups, and Management Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reference Sub Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Ashtead Common Consultative Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Burnham Beeches Consultative Group</b></li> <li>• <b>West Wickham Commons Consultative Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Coulsdon Commons Consultative Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Epping Forest Centre Joint Consultative Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Epping Forest Management Plan Steering Group</b></li> <li>• <b>Wanstead Flats Playing Fields Committee; and</b></li> </ul> <p>b) consideration be given to the appointment of a representative to the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee for 2014/15 as a local observer for this Committee.</p>	

## **Background**

The Committee makes a number of appointments to Sub Committees, Consultative Committees, Steering Groups and Management Projects that fall within its remit. These are reviewed annually.

There are a number of outstanding vacancies, which the Committee has struggled to fill in recent years. It should be noted that the current practice of inviting Common Councilmen who are not members of this Committee to help fill some of the vacancies has continued. Similarly, former Common Councilmen have continued to

serve on some of these groups as the Committee's representatives. Members may wish to think of ways to re-establishing the link between this Committee and the various groups and sub Committees to which it makes appointments.

The report also advises on the attendance of the Senior Verderer of the Epping Forest & Commons Committee to the City's Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee.

### **Options**

That consideration be given to making the various appointments detailed in the report, from amongst the Committee membership. Consideration would then be given to filling any subsequent vacancies from existing or former Common Councilmen.

- The Committee are asked to appoint seven representatives onto the Reference Sub Committee, and two Verderers.
- The Committee are asked to appoint **three** representatives onto the Ashtead Common Consultative Committee.
- The Committee are asked to appoint **two** representatives onto the Burnham Beeches Consultative Group.
- The Committee are asked to appoint **three** representatives onto the Coulsdon Commons Consultative Committee
- The Committee are asked to appoint three representatives onto the West Wickham Commons Consultative Committee
- The Committee are asked to appoint **two** representatives onto the Epping Forest Centre Joint Consultative Committee
- The Committee are asked to appoint the Epping Forest Management Plan Steering **Group**.
- The Committee are asked to appoint **two** representatives onto the Wanstead Flats Playing Fields Committee.

### **Implications**

There are no financial, legal and risk implications.

### **Conclusion**

That consideration be made to making appointments to the various Sub Committees, Consultative Committees, Steering Groups and Management Projects detailed in the report.

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