

Committee(s)	Dated:
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee	16 May 2016
Subject: Committee Appointments 2016/17	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

The Committee is asked to consider its appointments to its Consultative and other City Corporation Committees for the next twelve months. Appointments made to the various Committees during 2015/16 are explained in the attached appendix.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to consider:

- the Committee's 2016/17 appointments to the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, Highgate Wood Joint Consultative Committee, Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group, Keats House Consultative Committee, and the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee;
- the appointment of two officially nominated representatives of local schools from the Friends of Salusbury School and the Ark Franklin Primary Academy to the Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group; and
- the additional appointment of an officially nominated representative of the Kensal Rise Residents' Association to the Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group.

Main Report

Background

1. The Committee makes a number of appointments to Consultative Committees and a Joint Consultative Group that fall within its remit. These are considered annually.
2. The membership of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, which is set out in The London Government Reorganisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989, provides that it shall consist of the Chairman of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee and not less than 19 other members of whom one shall be appointed from among the Members of this Committee. Your customary practice has been to appoint your Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the time being.

3. The City Corporation Membership of the Highgate Wood Joint Consultative Committee comprises the Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the time being and three other Members of this Committee, appointed annually.
4. The City Corporation Membership of the Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group currently includes your Chairman and Deputy Chairman and three other Members of this Committee. The Group also consists of three local Councillors from the London Borough of Brent, two representatives from the Queen's Park Area Residents' Association, and one representative from the nearby Islamia School. The membership of the Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group and the Highgate Wood Joint Consultative Committee is not as strictly determined as the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee.
5. This Committee agreed in May 2008 to increase the number of representatives from local schools on the Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group from one to two. The Group membership has comprised just one local schools representative since the local schools liaison resigned from the Group during 2015. The remaining local school's representative of the nearby Islamia School has not attended a Group meeting since November 2012 so has therefore been written to and asked to confirm her intention to continue as a Group member by 12 May 2016. An update regarding her response will be provided at the meeting if applicable.
6. In November 2015, the Chair of the Friends of Salusbury School attended to observe a Group meeting and has since applied to join the Group as a member representing the Friends of Salusbury School. Salusbury School is located on Salusbury Road and is a two minute walk from Queen's Park; its children and parents are regular users of the Park. It is therefore recommended that the official appointment of the representative from the Friends of Salusbury School be considered.
7. At the same Group meeting in November 2015, a representative of the Ark Franklin Primary Academy also attended to observe and has since applied to join the Group as a member representing the Academy. Ark Franklin Primary Academy is located on Harvest Road (at the Southern entrance to Queen's Park) and is a two minute walk from the Park; its children and parents are also regular users of the Park. It is therefore recommended that the official appointment of the representative from the Ark Franklin Primary Academy be considered.
8. A representative of the Kensal Rise Residents' Association also attended to observe the Group meeting in November 2015. She has since applied to join the Group as a member representing the Residents' Association. The appointment of a representative from the Kensal Rise Residents' Association, in addition to the two existing representatives from the Queen's Park Area Residents' Association, would help to increase attendance and improve the balance of interest at Group meetings. It is therefore recommended that the official appointment of the representative from the Kensal Rise Residents' Association be approved.

9. The City Corporation membership of the Keats House Consultative Committee currently includes representation from one Member of this Committee.
10. The City Corporation membership of the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee currently includes representation from one Member of this Committee as an Observer.

Proposals

11. That consideration be given to making the various appointments detailed above, from amongst the Committee membership.
12. That consideration be given to the appointment of representatives from the Friends of Salusbury School, Ark Franklin Primary Academy and Kensal Rise Residents' Association to the Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group.

Implications

13. By recommending a partnership and engagement approach, this report supports the City Together Theme: A World Class City, which supports our communities and the associated departmental strategic and improvement aims to work in partnership with communities and local authorities.

Conclusion

14. That consideration be made to making appointments to the various Consultative Committees and Joint Consultative Group detailed in the report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: 2015/16 Committee appointments

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