

Committee(s): Epping Forest and Commons Committee	Date(s): 14 May 2018
Subject: 2018/19 Committee Appointments	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

The Committee is asked to consider its appointments for the next twelve months. Current membership of the various Consultative Committees and Groups as explained in the attached appendix. Provision for appointing an observer from to serve as an observer on the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee is also referred to. It is expected that this appointment would encompass the strategic Open Spaces capacity of that Committee.

Recommendations

It is **recommended** that:-

1. consideration be given to the appointment and composition of the following Consultative Committees and Groups:
 - **Ashtead Commons Consultative Committee;**
 - **Burnham Beeches Consultation Group;**
 - **West Wickham, Spring Park and Coulsdon Commons Consultative Committee;**
 - **Epping Forest Consultative Committee;**
 - **Epping Forest Joint Consultative Committee; and the**
 - **Epping Forest Management Plan Steering Group.**
2. Consideration be given to the appointment of a representative to the **Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee** for the ensuing year as a local observer for this Committee.

Main Report

Background

The Committee makes a number of appointments to Consultative Committees and Groups that fall within its remit. Although these are reviewed annually it is within the gift of the Committee to set up groups and working parties as required based on the management of projects being undertaken during the year.

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.

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 **the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and three** representatives onto the Ashted Commons Consultative Committee.
- The Committee are asked to appoint **the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and two** representatives onto Burnham Beeches Consultation Group.
- The Committee are asked to appoint **the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and three** representatives onto the West Wickham, Spring Park and Coulsdon Commons Consultative Committee.
- The Committee are asked to appoint **the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and three** representatives onto the Epping Forest Consultative Committee.
- The Committee are asked to appoint **the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and four** representatives onto the Epping Forest Joint Consultative Committee
- The Committee are asked to appoint **the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and three** representatives, along with all four Verderers, onto the Epping Forest Management Plan Steering Group.

- The Committee are asked to appoint one representative onto the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee.

Implications

There are no financial, legal or 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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