

Committee: Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee – For Discussion Hampstead Heath Highgate Wood & Queen’s Park Committee – For Decision	Dated: 16 January 2023 8 February 2023
Subject: Appointment of the Member of the London Wildlife Trust to the Hampstead Heath Highgate Wood & Queen’s Park Committee.	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	N/A
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?	N/A
Report of: Town Clerk & Chief Executive	For Discussion
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Summary

Approval is sought for the appointment of a new external Member of the Hampstead Heath Highgate Wood & Queen’s Park Committee, nominated by the London Wildlife Trust, to represent ecological interests.

Recommendations

It is recommended:

- a) That Matthew Frith, nominated by the London Wildlife Trust, be appointed as a Member of the Management Committee for the consideration of business relating to Hampstead Heath, in accordance with the London Government Reorganisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989.

Main Report

Background

1. A person nominated by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has been a Member of the Management Committee for many years. Due to a wealth of emerging priorities the RSPB have informed the Town Clerk that they are unable to support attendance at future meetings. As such they are unable to nominate a new Member of the Committee, to fill the current vacancy.

Current Position

2. Under article 8 of The London Government Reorganisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989, three Members of the Hampstead Heath Management Committee shall be appointed from among persons who are neither Members nor employees of the City Corporation and "...after consultation with such bodies appearing to the City to represent local, ecological, environmental or sporting interests as it considers appropriate."
3. Following conversations with the Natural Environment Department, it was recommended that the London Wildlife Trust (LWT) would be a suitable alternative body to nominate a Member of the Management Committee, representing similar ecological interests. Subsequent discussions have taken place with Matthew Frith, who is already a Member of the Consultative Committee, nominated by the LWT. He is willing to take on the additional role if this meets with approval.
4. Given that under the 1989 Order the Consultative Committee is also required to represent a variety of local, ecological, environmental and sporting interests, including five Members to be appointed after consultation with ecological groups, this is considered to be a sufficient level of consultation.
5. There is a statutory framework for the appointment of external Members and the terms of reference delegate authority to the Management Committee to exercise all of the City Corporation's powers and duties relating to Hampstead Heath.

Proposal

6. Following consultation with the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, that Matthew Frith, nominated by the London Wildlife Trust, be appointed as a Member of the Management Committee for the consideration of business relating to Hampstead Heath, in accordance with the London Government Reorganisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989.

Corporate & Strategic Implications –

Financial implications – None.

Resource implications – None.

Legal implications – Contained within the body of this report.

Risk implications – None.

Equalities implications – None.

Climate implications – None.

Security implications – None.

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