

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee – For Discussion	Dated: 17 November 2025
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee – For Decision	08 December 2025
Subject: Appointment of the Member of Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee to the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee	Public report: For Decision
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
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
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Summary

Approval is sought for the appointment of a new external Member of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, nominated by the Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee, to represent local interests.

Recommendations

It is recommended:

- a) That Dr Victoria Holt, nominated by Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee, be appointed as a Member of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, in accordance with the London Government Reorganisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989.

Main Report

Background

1. Ellin Stein, the previous Member nominated by Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee as a representative on the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee stepped down from her role as representative in February 2025. As a result, a vacancy is available on the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee. The Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee has expressed their desire to fill the vacancy.
2. Dr Victoria Holt is a General Practitioner and has been a dedicated user of Hampstead Heath for over 20 years. She regularly runs and swims at the Heath and frequently visits the area's playgrounds with her family. Since 2012, Dr Holt has participated annually in the Heath Duathlon and has been a near-weekly participant in the Park Run since 2017, where she also volunteers. During the first wave of the COVID-19 lockdown in summer 2020, she joined Park Run volunteers in clearing rubbish from the Heath on Saturday mornings. Dr Victoria Holt has also served as Health Lead for Welcome Syrian Families and then West Hampstead Welcomes, both Home Office Community Sponsorship initiatives. In this role she was involved in introducing Syrian refugees to Hampstead Heath.

Current Position

3. Under Schedule 4 to The London Government Reorganisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989, eight Members shall be appointed after consultation with the Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee, the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association, the Heath and Old Hampstead Society, the Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee, the Highgate Society, the Joint Amenity Groups of Hampstead, the South End Green Association, the Vale of Health Society, and such other bodies appearing to the City to represent local interests as it considers appropriate.
4. Following correspondence with the Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee, it was recommended that Dr Victoria Holt would be a suitable alternative person to be a representative on the Consultative Committee, representing similar local interests. Subsequent discussions have taken place with Dr Victoria Holt, and she has indicated that she is willing to take on the role if this meets with approval.
5. Given that the Consultative Committee and the Management Committee contain Members nominated by the eight local groups specifically named in Schedule 4 to the 1989 Order, this is considered to be a sufficient level of consultation.
6. 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

7. Following consultation with the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee, that Dr Victoria Holt, nominated by Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee, be appointed as a Member of the Consultative Committee, 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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