

## London Borough of Waltham Forest

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Public access	Open
Appendices	Appendix A – List of outside bodies

1. Summary
  - 1.1. This report deals with Councillor and other representatives to statutory and non-statutory Outside Bodies for 2026-27.
  - 1.2. The list of Outside Bodies, as outlined on Appendix A attached, shows the number of seats proposed for each outside body in 2026-27.
  
2. Recommendation
  - 2.1. Council is asked to approve the appointment of Council representatives to outside bodies/organisations in 2026-27 and beyond as listed in **Appendix A**.

(A schedule setting out the proposed appointments in accordance with nominations made by the Group Whips will be circulated at the meeting).
  
3. Background
  - 3.1. Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) (item 19) provides that appointment to external bodies is a matter for Full Council. The Council appoints annually to a wide range of diverse Outside Bodies each municipal year and updates those appointments at each meeting throughout the year as necessary.
  - 3.2. Some appointments to Outside Bodies are made because of a statutory requirement to appoint one or more Councillors to them. Most

appointments to Outside Bodies are discretionary taking into consideration how representation on them adds value in terms of contributing towards the Council's priorities and strategic objectives.

- 3.3. Some appointments are governed by the specific arrangements relating to the body. For example, joint committees such as the London Local Joint Committee are governed by the arrangements set out in the Inter Authority Agreement. Those bodies are therefore not listed as the appointment to those is governed by the specific agreement and linked to the office rather than the office holder for the time being.
- 3.4. Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies provides support to the organisation concerned and helps enable Councillors to fulfil their duty of community leadership.
- 3.5. Councillors appointed to Outside Bodies can work with and alongside local community groups, helping to empower them in terms of addressing local issues and delivering sustainable solutions.
- 3.6. Appointments to Outside Bodies are not covered by the political balance rules, appointments are discretionary and should be made with regard to the suitability of the appointee for the role, taking into account the nature of the body concerned.
- 3.7. Officers will advise members on the type of representation required for different bodies. Where bodies have multiple representation and where the appointee(s) is not prescriptive (i.e. must be a Cabinet member) it is for the majority group to determine whether they wish to offer some places to opposition group(s).

#### 4. Consultation

- 4.1. Group Whips have been consulted for their nominations, which will be circulated with the Order Paper for the meeting.

#### 5. Implications

##### 5.1. Finance, Value for Money and Risk

5.1.1. Those Members formally appointed to external organisations as the Council's representative are able to claim expenses in accordance with the Members' Allowance Scheme. These costs can be met from existing resources.

##### 5.2. Legal

5.2.1. Appointments to Outside Bodies maybe governed by specific legislation (such as the establishment of joint committees under

Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and appointments made under S102 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012, issued under sections 9EA, 9EB and 105 of the Local Government Act 2000). In some cases, the arrangements may be governed by quite a formal framework such as an Inter borough agreement, which specifies the office holder who will represent the Council.

5.2.2. Where there are no specific provisions arrangements for representation may be made under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which provides local authorities with the power of general competence.

### 5.3. Equalities and Diversity

5.3.1. The Council must appoint nominees that represent as far as possible the diverse nature of the local community.

### 5.4. Sustainability (including climate change, health, crime and disorder).

5.4.1. None.

### 5.5. Council Infrastructure (e.g. human resources, accommodation or IT issues)

5.5.1. None.

Background Information (as defined by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

None.