

Report to the Council

Date: 26 July 2016

Subject: Appointment of Members to External Organisations

1. EPPING FOREST LOCAL LIAISON GROUP

Recommending:

- (1) That the Council consider an invitation from the City of London Corporation to appoint member representatives to the Epping Forest Local Liaison Group; and**
- (2) That, subject to recommendation (1) above, the Council appoint representatives to the Liaison Group for 2016/17, in accordance with the specified membership requirements of the Corporation.**

- 1.1 The Council has been invited to nominate members to the Epping Forest Local Liaison Group established by the City of London Corporation, as a means of improving understanding between the Council and the Corporation with regard to the management of Epping Forest, the largest open space within the district.
- 1.2 The Corporation considers that, whilst it already has an excellent working relationship with the Council through its representation on the Local Strategic Partnership, more could be done to fully inform members about the importance and continuing management of Epping Forest. The Corporation has already established successful liaison groups for the areas of Epping Forest within the London Boroughs of Redbridge and Waltham Forest.
- 1.3 If the Council wishes to appoint members to the Liaison Group, representation should be determined on the basis of nominations from the political groups holding seats in the following wards identified by the City of London Corporation. The appointment of members from these wards represents the membership requirements for the Liaison Group stipulated by the Corporation and has not been influenced by the Council:
 - the member for the Broadley Common, Epping Upland and Nazeing ward (Councillor L. Hughes);
 - one member from the Buckhurst Hill West ward;
 - one member from the Epping Lindsay and Thornwood Common ward;
 - one member from the Epping Hemnall ward;
 - one member from the Loughton St. John's ward;
 - one member from the Loughton St. Mary's ward;
 - one member from the Loughton Forest ward;
 - one member from the Theydon Bois ward; and
 - the member for the Waltham Abbey High Beach ward (Councillor S. Stavrou).
- 1.4 In addition to members of the Council, the new Epping Forest Local Liaison Group will also comprise representation from the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, the Superintendent of Epping Forest, Essex Police and the Forest Verderers.
- 1.5 The Council is requested to consider whether to appoint members to the Epping Forest Local Liaison Group and, if appropriate, to make appropriate appointments for 2016/17.