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| <b>Item No.</b><br>3.3             | <b>Classification:</b><br>Open | <b>Date:</b><br>18 May 2011   | <b>Meeting Name:</b><br>Council Assembly |
| <b>Report title:</b>               |                                | Nominations to London Councils Committees, Greater London Employment Forum and nomination of lead borough members 2011/12 |  |
| <b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b> |                                | None  |  |
| <b>From:</b>                       |                                | Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance   |  |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That council assembly consider and agree nominations to the London Councils committees and Greater London Employment Forum, details listed in Appendix 1 of the report.
2. That council assembly nominate lead borough members/relevant portfolio holders for the areas listed in paragraph 7 of the report.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The council nominates representatives to serve on the London Councils committees on an annual basis. The nomination of representatives to the London Councils committees and forums fall within the terms of reference of the cabinet. However, because the deadline for the submission of nominations to London Councils is 1 June 2011, council assembly is being asked to agree the nominations for 2011/12 in order to meet the deadline set by London Councils.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### Joint committees

4. The Local Government Act 2000 and regulations enables local authorities to make use of joint arrangements with other authorities. Under these arrangements, a "joint committee" can be established in agreement with other local authorities to promote the economic, social or environmental well being of the area.
5. In this report the council is invited to make nominations to the following joint committees:
  - Leaders' Committee (s101 Joint Committee)
  - London Councils Transport and Environment Committee (Associated Joint Committee)
  - London Councils Grants Committee (Associated Joint Committee)

6. Council assembly may only nominate cabinet members as representatives or deputies to the joint committees. The nominations need not reflect the political composition of the local authority as a whole. This is set out in Article 9 on joint arrangements in the council's constitution. London Councils advise that the deputies should have some knowledge of the policy area concerned, can be kept informed of the member body's activities and be able to act as substitute if the principal nominee is unable to attend a meeting.

#### **Forums / Borough lead members**

7. The London Councils have discontinued forums with the exception of the Greater London Employment Forum. However the London Councils lead members have a need to consult and liaise with relevant borough lead members from time to time on matters of major importance and are therefore seeking to identify borough lead member / relevant portfolio holders (by way of nominations) for the following areas:
  - Children and Young People
  - Housing
  - Health and Adult Services
  - Culture, Tourism and 2012
  - Crime and Public Protection
  - Economic Development

#### **London Councils Limited**

8. The council is required to appoint a representative to the company, London Councils Limited. The London Councils advise that the borough's representative on the Leaders' Committee is normally appointed unless a council specifically indicates otherwise.
9. All formal London Councils committee and forum meetings are held during the day on weekdays.

#### **Legal implications**

10. There are no specific legal implications.

#### **Consultation**

11. The group whips were provided with a copy of the London Councils circular relating to the nominations on 28 April 2011.

#### **Community impact statement**

12. The council is being invited to make nominations to the London Councils committees, Greater London Employment Forum and nominate borough lead members. The nominations process has no direct impact on the community.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

| Background Papers                   | Held At                                | Contact                          |
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## APPENDICES

| No.        | Title   |
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| Appendix 1 | Nominations to London Councils Committees and Forum – Committee and Forum remit and places to be filled |

## AUDIT TRAIL

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| <b>Key Decision?</b>                                   | No   |                          |
| <b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES</b> |  |                          |
| <b>Officer Title</b>                                   | <b>Comments Sought</b>   | <b>Comments included</b> |
| Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance    | No   | No                       |
| Finance Director                                       | No   | No                       |
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