

Item No. 11.	Classification: Open	Date: 6 February 2023	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Appointments to Outside Bodies 2022-23 – Mountview and Potters Field Park Management Trust	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Not applicable	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the cabinet consider and agree to appoint a councillor to Mountview outside body (one vacancy).
2. That the cabinet consider and agree to appoint a councillor to Potters Field Park Management Trust (one vacancy).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. Each year the council undertakes appointments to a number of outside bodies, which normally takes place at the June cabinet meeting. Mountview have requested a council nomination to serve in a trustee/observer capacity for 2022-23, which will be a new appointment for the council to this outside body.
4. The previous appointee acting as member of the Potters Field Park Management Trust has stepped down, and a new appointment is required. Caroline Bruce, strategic director of environment and leisure also serves as a council representative on this outside body (as appointed by cabinet).

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Appointments to outside bodies

5. It is for the cabinet to affiliate to and appoint representatives to outside bodies where such appointments are a function of the cabinet.

Nomination to Mountview (one vacancy)

6. Mountview is a world-leading drama school that offers professional vocational training in performance and production arts to over 500 foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate students. In 2018 Mountview moved into a purpose-built facility in Peckham that comprises two theatres, 23 acting and dancing studios, TV and radio suites, practice rooms, meeting rooms and café / bars.

7. The appointed member will act as a trustee/observer with an invitation to join a sub-committee with additional meetings / responsibilities but not obligatory.

Nomination to Potters Field Park Management Trust (one vacancy)

8. Potters Fields Park Management Trust leases the park for events, functions and other activities in order to provide funds for maintenance, and to develop programmes which educate and engage with the community.
9. The appointed member will be a member of a board of directors, which provides governance, and strategic/financial oversight of the management of Potters Fields Park and St. John’s Churchyard. Both parks are managed independently by the Trust under the terms of Southwark Council leases.

Legal implications

10. Appointments to some of the outside bodies may carry risk both corporately and to the individuals appointed. Standards committee at its meeting on 9 November 2011 approved ‘Guidance to Members who serve on Outside Bodies’ which is intended to help councillors understand their duties when appointed to outside bodies, and how to handle conflicts of interest that may arise. The guidance is available in the library on the council website.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

11. The council is being invited to make a nomination to Mountview. The nominations process has no direct impact on the community.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

12. There are no specific implications arising.

Health impact statement

13. There are no specific implications arising.

Climate change implications

14. There are no specific implications arising.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

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