

Item No. 3.3	Classification: Open	Date: 22 May 2013	Meeting Name: Council Assembly (Annual Meeting)
Report title:		Nominations to London Councils Committees, Greater London Employment Forum, borough lead members 2013/14 and Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		None	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

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 borough lead members/relevant portfolio holders for the areas listed in paragraph 8 of the report.
3. That council assembly nominate a representative to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. 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 31 May 2013, council assembly is being asked to agree the nominations for 2013/14 in order to meet the deadline set by London Councils.
5. The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority require eight Members to be appointed from amongst the non-riparian councils. The decision as to which non-riparian councils are represented on the Park Authority is made by London Councils. The nomination of representatives to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority fall within the terms of reference of the cabinet. However, because the deadline for the submission of nominations to London Councils is 1 June 2013, council assembly is being asked to agree the nomination to meet the deadline set by London Councils.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Joint committees

6. 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.

7. 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.

Greater London Employment Forum

7. The London Councils discontinued forums in 2011 with the exception of the Greater London Employment Forum. The Forum acts as the regional employer for London for those staff employed under the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. The representative is usually the lead cabinet member for human resources issues.

Borough lead members

8. The London Councils Executives who lead on particular policy areas need to consult and liaise with relevant borough lead members on matters of major importance and are seeking to identify borough lead member / relevant portfolio holders (by way of nominations) for the following areas:
 - Children and Young People
 - Crime and Public Protection
 - Culture and Tourism
 - Economic Development/Regeneration
 - Health and Adult Services
 - Housing
 - Planning

London Councils Limited

9. 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.
10. All formal London Councils committee and forum meetings are held during the day on weekdays.

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

11. The Vision for the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority 2010-20 is to have a world class leisure destination and its mission is to lead the delivery of a world class leisure destination whilst maximising value for money for the taxpayers of London, Essex and Herts.
12. The term of office for Member representatives is 4 years from 1 July 2013. All non-riparian Members currently appointed to the Park Authority will cease to hold office on 30 June 2013. Southwark Council's representative is currently Councillor Veronica Ward.
13. Meetings are generally held on a Thursday during the day.

Legal implications

14. There are no specific legal implications.

Consultation

15. The group whips were provided with a copy of the London Councils Circular and correspondence from Lee Valley Regional Park Authority relating to the nominations on 26 April 2013 and 8 May 2013 respectively.

Community impact statement

16. The council is being invited to nominate to the London Councils committees, Greater London Employment Forum, borough lead members and Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. The nominations process has no direct impact on the community.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Correspondence from London Councils and Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Nominations to London Councils Committees, Greater London Employment Forum and Lee Valley Regional Park Authority – Committee and Forum remit and places to be filled

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Alexa Coates, Principal Constitutional Officer	
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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
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