

	<h2>ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICER</h2>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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Summary

Appointments to committees and outside bodies are usually made at the Annual Council meeting which has been scheduled to take place on 19th May 2020. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Annual Council meeting has been postponed to early September 2020. This report notes that appointments to committees and outside bodies will carry forward until that meeting. Officers will notify the relevant outside bodies.

Decision

To note that the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) England and Wales) Regulations 2020 apply and that where an appointment would otherwise be made or require to be made at an annual meeting of a local authority , such appointment continues until the next annual meeting or until such time as the authority may determine. This means that the Councillor and Non-Councillor appointments to committees and outside bodies and the appointments of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor made at Annual Council on 21st May 2019 will be extended until 8th September 2020.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Councillor and Non-Councillor appointments to committees and outside bodies and the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor take place annually at the Annual Council meeting usually held in May.
- 1.2 Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Annual Council meeting has been postponed until early September 2020. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 include a provision that where an appointment would be made at the annual meeting that the appointment continues until the next annual meeting of the authority or until such time as that authority determines.
- 1.3 This report notes that Councillor and Non-Councillor appointments to committees and outside bodies and the appointments of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will continue until the 8th September 2020.

2. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 2.1 As set out in section 1 above.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Appointments could have been extended to Annual Council in May 2021. Members have indicated that they would like Annual Council to proceed in September 2020 and appointments will therefore only extend until that time.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Committee appointments will automatically roll-over into the 2020/21 municipal year.
- 4.2 Outside bodies will be informed in writing that their Council representatives will continue until 8th September 2020.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 N/A

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 N/A.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 include the following provision:

Meetings of local authorities

4.— (1) In respect of a reference in any enactment to a meeting of a local authority, that authority may, as they may determine—

(a) hold such meetings and at such hour and on such days; and

(b) alter the frequency, move or cancel such meetings, without requirement for further notice.

(2) Where an appointment would otherwise be made or require to be made at an annual meeting of a local authority, such appointment continues until the next annual meeting of the authority or until such time as that authority may determine.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 Not recording the decision to carry forward committee appointments could result in a challenge to any decisions made by committees or outside bodies where the Councillor or Non-Councillor's term of office had expired.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 The Equality Act 2010, section 149, outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equality Duty which requires Public Bodies **to have due regard** to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act.
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and people who do not
- foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and people who do not

The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day to day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 N/A.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 The Group Leaders and Monitoring Officer have been consulted.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 N/A

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Annual Council, 21st May 2019:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=9457&Ver=4>

7. DECISION TAKER'S STATEMENT

7.1 *I have the required powers to make the decision documented in this report. I am responsible for the report's content and am satisfied that all relevant advice has been sought in the preparation of this report and that it is compliant with the decision-making framework of the organisation which includes Constitution, Scheme of Delegation, Budget and Policy Framework and Legal issues including Equalities obligations. The decision is compliant with the principles of decision making in Article 10 of the constitution.*

Officer: Andrew Charlwood, Head of Governance

Signed: 

Dated: 19/05/20