

REPORT FOR:

**TRAFFIC AND ROAD
SAFETY ADVISORY PANEL**

Date of Meeting:

5 June 2013

Subject:

Appointment of Advisers to the Panel
2013/14

Key Decision:

No

Responsible Officer:

Hugh Peart, Director of Legal and
Governance Services

Portfolio Holder:

Cllr Asad Omar, Deputy Leader & Portfolio
Holder for Environment & Community Safety

Exempt:

No

**Decision subject to
Call-in:**

Yes (following consideration by the Portfolio
Holder)

Enclosures:

Appendix 1 – Nominations Received
Appendix 2 – Supporting statement from
nominee

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report advises Members about the appointment of co-opted, non-voting advisers to the Panel for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. Members are requested to consider the report and agree the nominations for 2013/14 Municipal Year.

Recommendations: That the nominations detailed at appendix 1 be agreed.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To appoint advisers to the Panel for the 2013/14 Municipal Year, to assist in the work of the Panel.

Section 2 – Report

2.1.1 Rule 22.4 of the Executive Procedure Rules and Rule 1.5 of the Protocol on Co-optees and Advisers provides for a Panel to recommend to the Executive that non-voting, co-opted advisers be appointed to assist in the work of the Panel either generally or on specific matters.

2.2 The Panel appointed advisers to assist with its work for the Municipal Year 2012/13 and this term has now expired. Existing advisers have been contacted and asked to confirm whether their nominating organisation wishes them to continue to act as advisers to the Panel for the 2013/14 Municipal year.

2.3 The following advisers nominating organisations have confirmed that they wish to stay on as advisers to the Panel for the 2013/14 Municipal year:

(1) Mr Len Gray, representing Pedestrians' Interests, nominated by Living Streets;

(2) Mr Anthony Wood, representing the interests of public transport users and nominated by Harrow Public Transport Users' Association (HPTUA);

Mr Alan Blann has decided to step down as adviser for 2013/14 and has forwarded a nomination for Dr Anoop Shah from Harrow Cyclists.

Financial Implications

2.4 None.

Risk Management Implications

- 2.5 If not appointed, the Panel may not have access to external expert advice from suitably qualified persons when conducting its business.

Equalities implications

- 2.6 Promotes and enhances local democracy by allowing representation from the voluntary and community sector in Harrow on an advisory panel of the Executive.

Corporate Priorities

- 2.7 Contributes to 'building stronger communities' by allowing representation from the voluntary and community sector on an advisory panel of the Executive.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Steve Tingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 21 May 2013		
Name: Paresh Mehta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 22 May 2013		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Manize Talukdar, Democratic & Electoral Services Officer
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Background Papers: The Council's Constitution, Report to TARSAP meeting held on 23 June 2011, Portfolio Holder Decision (PHD) 002/11

Appendix 1 – Nominations Received

- 1. Harrow Cyclists** - The Harrow Cyclists are a cycle campaign group whose aim is to encourage cycling in north west London. The group organise the following activities: a rides calendar; social nights; working with the council to make Harrow roads more bike friendly; helping with bicycle maintenance.

Website - <http://www.harrowcyclists.org.uk/>

Nominee

Dr Anoop Shah – Please see the brief supporting statement submitted by the nominee overleaf.

- 2. Living Streets** - Key National Charity Established in 2001 but formally known as Pedestrians Association which was established in 1929. It has published papers on walking and has a network of local groups to assist working with local authorities.

Website - <http://www.livingstreets.org.uk>

Nominee

Mr Leonard Gray - has served on the Panel since 2006.

- 3. Harrow Public Transport Users Association (HPTUA)** - Established group looking after all public transport users interests within the Borough of Harrow.

Further info -

<http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200078/public-transport/1704/harrow-public-transport-users-association/1>

Nominee

Mr Anthony Wood, Chairman of the HPTUA, has served on the Panel since 2006.

Appendix 2 - Supporting Statement from Dr Anoop Shah

I have local knowledge of Harrow, having lived here all my life, and I have experience of using different modes of transport in Harrow.

As a doctor and medical researcher I have experience in understanding the scientific literature which is particularly relevant as it relates to transport and health. I have a masters in medical statistics so I can appraise the validity of statistical analyses in studies or reports. In my current research post at University College London I have contacts with the Transport and Health Study Group.

I am the secretary of the Harrow Cyclists group, the local branch of the London Cycling Campaign, and I attend meetings with council officers to discuss new schemes. The London Cycling Campaign is a membership organisation seeking to improve conditions for cycling in London, and has had a major influence in the Mayor's Vision for Cycling in London.