

REPORT FOR: **COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting:	26 February 2015
Subject:	Cabinet - Appointment of Voluntary Sector Representative – Constitutional Changes
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	N/A
Enclosures:	Appendix – Changes to the Constitution

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

The Administration has expressed a commitment to appoint a representative of the Voluntary Sector as a Non Executive member of Cabinet. To facilitate this, an amendment to the Constitution will be required. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6.2, this report is urgent so that the changes to the Constitution can be made and a Non Executive Member appointed by Cabinet as soon as possible.

Recommendations:

That the Council's Constitution be amended as set out in the report to enable a member of the voluntary sector to be appointed as a Non Executive member of Cabinet.

Section 2 – Report

The Council's Constitution requires amendment at the following paragraphs in order to enable the appointment of a voluntary sector representative to Cabinet. The revised wording is set out below:

Article 7 paragraph 7.14

The Leader may appoint a maximum of 4 non-executive members of cabinet from the voluntary sector and from the opposition parties as nominated by their group leaders. Non-executive members of cabinet may speak but not vote on items before cabinet in private and public meetings and have commensurate access to documents as full Cabinet members except for draft cabinet reports.

Executive procedure rule 5.3

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Code of Conduct for Councillors

Paragraph 1(4) "Co-opted member" means any person who is not a member of the Council but who:

- (i) Is a member of any committee or sub-committee of the council, or
- (ii) Is a member of and represents the council on any joint committee or joint sub-committee of the Council, or
- (iii) Is a non-executive member of Cabinet

The Appendix attached the details of the changes proposed.

Financial Implications

In accordance with the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme, Non Executive members of Cabinet are entitled to receive a Special Responsibility Allowance. The SRA (£6,780 per annum) related to this role can be contained within existing budgets.

Risk Management Implications

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Simon George	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 26 February 2015		
Name: Linda Cohen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 26 February 2015		

Ward Councillors notified:	N/A
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Council's Constitution

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Priorities	YES