

Report for: Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel

Date of Meeting:	13 October 2020
Subject:	Appointment of Non-Voting Advisers to the Panel for the Municipal Year 2020/21
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	Yes, following consideration by the Portfolio Holder
Wards affected:	None
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report advises Members about the appointment of advisers to the Panel for the Municipal Year 2020/21. Members are requested to consider the report and agree the nominations for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

Recommendations: That the Panel recommend to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment that the nominations for Advisers to the Panel set out in the report at paragraph 2.3 be agreed.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To appoint advisers to the Panel for the Municipal Year 2020/21, to assist in the work of the Panel.

Section 2 – Report

- 2.1 Rule 35.4 of the Executive Procedure Rules of the Constitution provides for the appointment of advisers 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 2019/20 and this term has now expired. Existing advisers have been contacted and asked to confirm whether they wish to continue to act as advisers to the Panel for the Municipal Year 2020/21.
- 2.3 The following advisers have confirmed that they wish to continue as advisers to the Panel and nominations for the Municipal Year 2020/21 have been confirmed:

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

Harrow Public Transport Users' Association (HPTUA)

Established group looking after all public transport users' interests within the Borough of Harrow.

Further info - <https://www.careplace.org.uk/Services/4632/Harrow-Public-Transp>

- (2) Dr Anoop Shah, representing cyclists interests and nominated by Harrow Cyclists

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/>

- (3) Mr Nigel Long, nominated by the Harrow Association of Disabled People

Harrow Association of Disabled People – Works to promote and bring about inclusion and equality for all disabled people in all areas of life.

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

(4) Mr Jeremy Leach, from London Living Streets be appointed as an advisor to the Panel.

London Living Streets – Campaign for safe and vibrant cities, where people want to walk <https://londonlivingstreets.com/>

Previously, the Panel's membership had included a representative from Living Streets (<http://www.livingstreets.org.uk>), a national charity established in 2001 but formerly known as the Pedestrians' Association which was established in 1929. It had published papers on walking and had a network of local groups to assist in the work of local authorities. The Mayor of London's priorities includes health, safety and increased use of walking, which is also reflected in Harrow's Transport Local Implementation Plan. It is therefore being recommended that a further appointment be made to reflect this priority as set out at paragraph (4) above.

Options considered

Not to appoint any advisors.

Ward Councillors' comments

Not applicable.

Performance Issues/Environmental and Data Protection

Implications

None.

Risk Management Implications

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

Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

Equalities Implications/Public Sector Equality Duty

It is anticipated that appointing the proposed advisers will support the Council in meeting its Public Sector Equality Duty based on the advice they will be able to contribute.

Financial and Legal Implications

There are no financial or legal implications arising from this report.

Corporate Priorities

Contributes to the following Corporate Priority: 'Improving the environment and addressing climate change' and 'Addressing health and social care inequality' in a general sense by enabling more people to actively engage in sporting activities in ways that improve health and creating transport infrastructure that supports economic growth.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Statutory Officer: Sharon Daniels

Signed on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer

Date: 15 September 2020

Statutory Officer: Matthew Adams

Signed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 15 September 2020

Mandatory Checks

Ward Councillors notified: NO, not applicable.

EqIA carried out: NO

EqIA cleared by: Not applicable

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: The Council's Constitution

<https://www2.harrow.gov.uk/documents/s161975/023%20Part%203A%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf>