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Title	Appointments to Revolving Investment Fund Committee, External Organisations and Council Groups		
Wards affected	All		

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report proposes appointments to the Revolving Investment Fund Committee, a sub-Committee of Cabinet, and to a number of external organisations and Council groups. The report also provides a number of reports about the work undertaken by appointees to external organisations and Council groups in 2018-19.

2. Recommended Decision

2.1 The membership of the Revolving Investment Fund Committee for the 2019-20 municipal year be as follows:-

Councillor Cory, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy
Councillor Higgins, Portfolio Holder for Commercial Services
Councillor King, Portfolio Holder for Business and Resources
Councillor J. Young, Portfolio Holder for Culture and Performance

2.2 The representatives to the various external organisations and Council groups listed in Appendix A be appointed for the 2019-20 municipal year such appointments to cease if the representatives cease to be members of the Council during the municipal year. A small number of the appointments are still to be confirmed and an updated Appendix A with final appointments will be circulated before the Cabinet meeting.

2.3 To remove Councillor T. Young as the Council's appointed director on the Board of North Essex Garden Communities Limited.

2.4 To appoint Councillor King as the Council's appointed director on the Board of North Essex Garden Communities Limited.

2.5 To authorise the Leader of the Council to make a determination where a nomination is deemed to be in dispute, if a vacancy occurs or if an appointment needs to be made to a new organisation during the course of the municipal year.

2.6 To note the reports about the work undertaken by appointees to external organisations in 2018-19, as set out in Appendix B

3. Reason for Recommended Decision

3.1 The Revolving Investment Fund Committee is a sub-Committee of Cabinet and therefore appointments to the Committee need to be made by Cabinet.

3.2 It is important for the Council to continue to make formal appointments to certain organisations and council groups such as those with statutory functions, our key strategic and community partners and groups with joint working arrangements. These groups have been identified in Appendix A.

3.3 The appointments to the Board of Colchester Commercial Holdings Ltd (CCHL) are now included in the list of appointments, following the decision of Full Council on 22 May 2019 to amend the Terms of Reference of the Governance and Audit Committee to delete the Committee's responsibility for the appointments to the Board of CCHL. This brings the practice for appointments to the Board of CCHL in line with the other Council companies, such as Colchester Borough Homes.

4. Alternative Options

4.1 No alternative options are proposed other than to authorise the Leader of the Council to make a determination where a nomination is deemed to be in dispute.

5. Background Information

5.1 In accordance with the agreed procedure for making appointments to external organisations and council groups, if any seat or vote allocation remains in dispute by the after the appointments have been made by Cabinet, the Leader of the Council can determine the matter.

5.2 A review of the Council's governance arrangements highlighted the need for the work undertaken by the Council's representative on outside bodies and Council groups to be formally reviewed. Therefore, information about the work of the Council's representatives on a number of the external organisations and Council groups in the 2018-19 municipal year is attached at Appendix B.

5.3 At its meeting on 6 June 2018 Cabinet appointed Councillor T. Young as a director to the Board of North Essex Garden Communities Limited. As the appointment needs to be a member of Cabinet, it is proposed that that Cabinet appoint Councillor King as a director to the Board of North Essex Garden Communities Limited.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Members are entitled to claim travel allowance in respect of attendance at meetings of the external organisations and Council groups to which they have been appointed.

7. Strategic Plan References

7.1 The particular contribution that each of the external organisations and Council groups makes towards the aims of the Strategic Plan is indicated in in Appendix A.

8. Publicity Considerations

8.1 Members appointed as representatives will be notified accordingly. Confirmation of appointments will be sent to the relevant external organisation and to officer contacts for the various Council groups.

9. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications

9.1 There are no direct implications for Equality and Diversity from these appointments and as such a full EQIA has not been deemed necessary. However, the council and all representatives, both officers and members, will encourage and in some cases insist that our partners have the

same approach to equality and diversity as we do and ensure that this is implicit within their policies and procedures.

10. Risk Management Implications

10.1 Councillors fulfilling external and partnership appointments need to have regard to the information and advice contained within the 'Guidance for Members on Outside Bodies'.

11. Health, Well-being and Community Safety and Health and Safety Implications

11.1 None

Appendices

Appendix A – Appointments to External Organisations and Council Groups 2019-20

Appendix B – Reports on Appointments to External Organisations and Council Groups 2018-19