



**General Purposes Committee**  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2007

**Report from the Democratic  
Services Manager**

For Action

Wards Affected:  
NONE

**Appointments to Outside Bodies**

**1.0 Summary**

This report updates members on changes which will affect the Council's current outside bodies list, and also requests that the Committee nominate a further representative to the Brent Learning Disability Partnership in accordance with the terms of the reference for the organisation.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee note the continuing appointment of Councillor John as a Local Authority member of the Corporation of the College of North West London until the end of her term of office in September 2007.
- 2.2 That the Committee nominate a Councillor be appointed as the Local Authority member to the Corporation of the College of North West London, in the event of this nomination being required following the expiration of Councillor John's appointment on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007.
- 2.3 That the Committee note that the Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee no longer requires nominations directly from Brent, and therefore the organisation should be removed from the Council's outside bodies list.
- 2.4 That the Committee nominate one further representative to serve on the Board of the Brent Learning Disabilities Partnership.

### **3.0 Detail**

#### **3.1 The Corporation of the College of North West London**

Councillor Ann John was appointed as a Local Authority member of the Corporation of the College of North West London at the organisation's Annual Meeting in September 2003. This appointment was for a four year term of office, which is due to end on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007.

The Council has recently been advised by the College that the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) intends to issue new instruments of government for further education colleges early in the next academic year, under which there will no longer be a requirement for colleges to have a Local Authority member.

Therefore, the Committee is asked to note Councillor John's continued membership of the Corporation of the College of North West London until 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007. The Committee is also asked to nominate a member to serve as a Local Authority member to the Corporation of the College of North West London, in the event of this nomination being required following the expiration of Councillor John's appointment on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007.

#### **3.2 Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee**

The Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee requires one nominated representative to be jointly appointed by the following London boroughs; Brent, Barnet, Harrow, Hillingdon or Hounslow. In the past this has been dealt with by the four Boroughs appointing in rotation. Whilst the Council did not nominate a representative in 2006/07, at the Annual Meeting of Full Council on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007, Councillor Dunwell was nominated to serve on the Committee.

However, we have since been informed that at some point during 2006, a decision was taken that London nominations to the Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee would be provided directly through the London Councils Transport and Environment Committee. This was agreed between the Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee and London Councils. Furthermore, Councillor John Nickolay from the London Borough of Harrow has been appointed as the representative for the group of boroughs, which includes Brent.

Officers are looking further into this but in light of this information, the Committee is asked to note that Brent will no longer be requested by the Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee to provide a direct nomination to the Committee and, consequently, it should be removed from the Council's list of outside bodies.

### 3.3 Brent Learning Disabilities Partnership

At the Annual Meeting of Full Council on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007, members were asked to nominate two representatives to serve on the Board of the Brent Learning Disabilities Partnership. However, whilst Councillor Tancred was appointed to the Board, the other vacancy remained unfilled. The Board was established by the Council in accordance with Government guidance to advise on strategy for services for people with Learning Disabilities in the Borough. The Board has an advisory role in relation to the operation of the Brent Learning Disability Partnership, which is an integrated service provided by the Council and Health under a partnership arrangement.

The Council has since been approached by the Board, who are keen that this remaining vacancy be filled by a representative from Brent Council. According to the terms of reference for the Brent Learning Disabilities Partnership, the Board has a membership of 25, including representatives from a number of statutory agencies and of service users and their carers, as well as the two councillor representatives. Board meetings take place one every six to eight weeks.

### 4.0 **Financial Implications**

There are none.

### 5.0 **Legal Implications**

There are none.

### 6.0 **Diversity Implications**

The proposals in this report have been subject to screening and officers believe that there are no diversity implications.

### **Background Papers**

There are none.

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