



## **Full Council – 27 February 2025**

### **Agenda Item 5 – Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

Standing Order 30(g) states that, if necessary, Full Council is required to agree appointments to committees and outside bodies. In addition to the changes listed Council is being asked to confirm the appointment of an Independent Person

Such appointments are set out below:

#### Cabinet Membership

Council is asked to note that effective from 30 January 2025 the Leader of the Council has appointed Councillor Teo Benea to fill the position of Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning & Property.

#### Committee Appointments:

1. Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:
  - Councillor Teo Benea to be replaced by Councillor Bhagwanji Chohan as a full member and as a substitute on the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.
  - Councillor Charlie Clinton to replace Councillor Paul Lorber as a full member with Councillor Paul Lorber to fill the vacancy as one of the Liberal Democrats two substitute members.
2. Council Tax Setting Committee – Councillor Shama Tatler to be replaced by Councillor Teo Benea as a substitute member.
3. General Purposes Committee:



- Councillor Teo Benea to replace Councillor Shama Tatler as a full member. Councillor Shama Tatler to fill the vacancy as a substitute member.
- Councillor Paul Lorber to replace the Liberal Democrat vacancy as full member with Councillor Charlie Clinton to replace Councillor Paul Lorber as one of the Liberal Democrats two substitute members.

4. Licensing Committee:

- Councillor Ajmal Akram to replace Councillor Tony Ethapemi and Councillor Lesley Smith to replace Councillor Ryan Hack as full members.
- Councillor Charlie Clinton to replace Councillor Paul Lorber as the Liberal Democrats full member.

5. Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Paul Lorber to replace the Liberal Democrat vacancy as full member with Councillor Charlie Clinton to replace Councillor Paul Lorber as one of the Liberal Democrats two substitute members.
6. Brent Connects – Councillor Ajmal Akram to replace Councillor Benea as Chair of Wembley Brent Connects
7. Service User Consultative Forum – Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson to be replaced by Councillor Rajan Seelan
8. To note that the Leader of the Council has appointed Councillor Teo Benea to replace Councillor Shama Tatler as a substitute member on the Barham Park Trust Sub Committee.
9. To note that the Leader of the Council has replaced Councillor Shama Tatler as Brent's appointed representative on the West London Economic Prosperity Board and has appointed Councillor Teo Benea to fill the second deputy position.



10. Members are asked to note that the following appointments will be subject to confirmation by the General Purposes Sub Committee on 10 March 2025:

- (a) Senior Staff Appointment Sub Committee - Councillor Teo Benea to replace Councillor ShamaTatler as a substitute member.
- (b) Senior Staff Appeals Sub Committee - Councillor Teo Benea to replace Councillor Shama Tatler as a substitute member

Outside Bodies:

- 1. Capital Letters – Councillor Muhammed Butt to be replaced by Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson as Brent's representative.
- 2. London Road Safety Council – Councillor Shama Tatler to be replaced by Councillor Neil Nerva as Brent's alternative member
- 3. Newable Ltd (Greater London Enterprise Board) - Councillor Harbi Farah to replace Councillor Tatler as Brent's appointed representative.
- 4. Old Oak Common & Park Royal Development Corporation (ODPC) – Councillor Teo Benea to replace Councillor Tatler as Brent's Deputy representative.
- 5. Queens Park Joint Consultative Group – Councillor Lesley Smith to fill the vacancy.
- 6. Local Government Association General Assembly – Councillor Teo Benea to replace Councillor Tatler as one of Brent's Deputy representatives.
- 7. London Council's Greater Employment Forum – Councillor Mili Patel to replace Councillor Muhammed Butt as the full member with Councillor Muhammed Butt replacing Councillor Mili Patel as Deputy.



### Independent Co-opted Member Audit & Standards Advisory Committee

Full Council's agreement is sought to the proposed appointment of an Independent co-opted member of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee. Appointments to Council Committees require the agreement of Full Council in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Standing Order 30(g).

Following a recent change in its membership arrangements, the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee now has provision for up to three Independent co-opted members who have a particular responsibility for Standards matters with one of these positions being vacant. Having recently completed a recruitment process to fill this vacancy, Council is asked to agree the appointment of Sebastian Evans to the remaining position for a 4-year term. Mr Evans is an experienced public sector external auditor and is currently working as a senior manager for BDO LLP, where his external auditor portfolio focusses primarily on Major Local Audits, with those being local authorities and NHS bodies that by virtue of their size and public interest, fall within the Financial Reporting Council's Audit Quality Review inspection regime. In this capacity, Mr Evans is also the firm's public sector Value for Money technical lead. Mr Evans has also been a Brent resident since 2019.

Full Council is therefore asked:

To agree the appointment of Sebastian Evans (as detailed above) as an Independent co-opted member of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee for a four-year term of office, ending at the Council's Annual Meeting in May 2029 (subject to confirmation of the ongoing appointment at the Annual Council meeting each year).