

# ***Report to the Council***

**Committee:** Appointments Panel

**Date:** 16 May 2024

**Chairman:** Cllr C Whitbread

**Subject:** Outstanding Nominations for the Planning Committees and Outside Bodies

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## **Recommending:**

- (1) That the Membership, Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of Planning Committee A and Planning Committee B be approved, with the Group nominations listed at Appendix 1 to this report;**
  - (2) That the outstanding appointments to the Epping Forest Local Highways Panel for the remainder of the municipal year be approved, with the Group nominations listed at Appendix 2 to this report; and**
  - (3) That the outstanding appointments to the Epping Forest Local Liaison Group for the remainder of the municipal year be approved, with the Group nominations also listed at Appendix 2 to this report.**
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## Planning Committees

1. At the extraordinary meeting held on 8 August 2024, the Council agreed to re-structure its Planning Committees based on the recommendations of the Planning Advisory Service following their review of the Council's Planning function earlier in 2024. It was agreed to replace the three regional Planning Sub-Committees, and the District Development Management Committee, with two new Planning Committees which could hear any planning application throughout the District.

2. It was also agreed that both these two Committees should consist of nine Members each, with five members being nominated by the Conservative group, two by the Loughton Residents Association (LRA), one by the Liberal Democrats group and one Independent Member.

3. The nominations that have been received from the groups are listed in Appendix 1. There are two nominations for the position of Chairman of Planning Committee B, so a vote will need to be taken at the meeting.

## Epping Forest Local Highways Panel and Local Liaison Group

4. The Appointments Panel met on 16 May 2024 to consider nominations made by political groups and un-affiliated members for appointments to a range of member positions and other associated matters. The Panel reported to the Annual Council meeting on 23 May 2024. However, the appointments to both the Epping Forest Local Highways Panel, and the

Epping Forest Local Liaison Group, were not approved, pending confirmation of the arrangements for both outside bodies for this municipal year.

5. The Epping Forest Local Highways Panel confirmed at its most recent meeting on 12 September 2024 that it was only seeking three District Council Representatives for this year. The outstanding nominations from the Annual Meeting, plus any subsequently received, are listed in Appendix 2 for the Council to determine. Where the number of nominations exceeds the available places, the Council will be required to vote on such appointments unless otherwise agreed.

6. The appointments to the Epping Forest Local Liaison Group were affected by the boundary changes to the Council's wards. The Corporation of London have now responded with a list of the wards bordering the Forest for which they would like a representative to be appointed, along with a suggested nomination of a Councillor who has attended the Group before. This is also listed at Appendix 2. The Groups can amend any of these nominations at the meeting, and where the number of nominations exceeds the available places, the Council will be required to vote on such appointments.

7. We recommend as set out at the start of this report.

## Appendix 1

### Group Nominations

#### Planning Committee 'A'

	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>LRA</b>	<b>LibDem</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Chairman	S Heather			
Vice-Chairman	A Lion			
<b>Members</b>	R Morgan	B Cohen	R Sharif	T Bromwich
	R Pugsley	W Kauffman		
	S Heather			
	A Lion			
	T Matthews			

#### Planning Committee 'B'

	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>LRA</b>	<b>LibDem</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Chairman	S Jones	W Kauffman		
Vice-Chairman				
<b>Members</b>	K Williamson	A Ardakani	C Amos	J McIvor
	M Dadd	W Kauffman		
	S Jones			
	J Lea			
	D Stocker			

## Appendix 2

### Epping Forest Local Highways Panel

Epping Forest Local Highways Panel (3)	<b>A Lion</b> <b>P Keska</b> <b>J Lea</b> <b>S Rackham</b> <b>J H Whitehouse</b>
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### Epping Forest Local Liaison Group

Epping Forest Local Liaison Group (specific ward representation only)	<b>(BHW) (1)</b> <b>(EE) (1)</b> <b>(EWR) (1)</b> <b>(LFM) (1)</b> <b>(LFOR) (1)</b> <b>(LSJ) (1)</b> <b>(TBWP) (1)</b> <b>(WAN) (1)</b> <b>(WASR) (1)</b>	<b>K Williamson</b> <b>J M Whitehouse</b> <b>H Whitbread</b> <b>L Mead</b> <b>I Allgood / M Owen</b> <b>C Pond</b> <b>C Amos</b> <b>J Lea</b> <b>T Matthews</b>
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