

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Subject:	Appointment to Outside Bodies
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That:-

1. consideration be given to appointment of a Trustee to the Harborne Parish Lands Charity for the period ending March, 2022.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Council is approached, from time to time, to appoint Trustees to various bodies.

The Council is requested to consider the appointment of a Trustee to the Harborne Parish Lands Charity, which provides sheltered housing for the elderly and makes grants to organisations and individuals within the Charity's boundary, which includes Harborne and Quinton in Birmingham and Smethwick in Sandwell.

The Scheme relating to the Charity sealed on 21st May 1979 is set at Appendix 1 (historical names and addresses have been redacted as appropriate).

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

The Harborne Parish Lands Charity was founded in 1699 as an Almshouse and Grant Making charity. The Charity provides sheltered housing for the elderly and makes grants to organisations and individuals within the Charity's boundary, which includes Harborne and Quinton in Birmingham and Smethwick in Sandwell.

Under the Scheme the Council can appoint two Trustees to the Charity. Councillors Dhallu and R Horton have been appointed to the Charity; however Councillor R Horton's current period of appointment will end in March 2018.

Appointments are for a period of four years and may be, but need not be, a Councillor. There is no restriction on re-appointing retiring representatives to the Charity. The Council is now asked to appoint one Trustee.

Any Councillor appointed as Trustee will be required to adhere to all relevant legal obligations and duties accompanying the role of Trustee. All Trustees are required to act in the best interests of the Trust or Charity, notwithstanding their role of elected member.

3 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Attendance at meetings of other bodies qualifies as an approved duty for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances.

4 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Prior to the member formally taking up the appointment to the position of Trustee, appropriate checks will be made with the Charity to ensure that adequate indemnity insurance is in place by the Charity.
- 4.2 Training on the role and responsibilities of a Trustee will be provided to the elected member appointed by Council as required.

5 APPENDIX

A copy of the Scheme for the Harborne Parish Lands Charity is attached.