

London Councils' TEC Executive Sub Committee

Appointment of TEC Committee Advisers

Item No: 05

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Summary: The Transport & Environment Committee (TEC) has historically appointed advisers to the Committee to provide their expertise and knowledge on the various policy areas that TEC deals with each year. This is put to TEC AGM at the end of the "Nominations to Outside Bodies" report. There is no constitutional reason for this to take place and it is now proposed to remove the "committee appointments" section from this report.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the TEC Executive Sub Committee

- Agree to remove the "Appointment of Committee Advisers" section from future Nominations to Outside Bodies reports that are presented to the TEC AGM, as advice would now be sought on an informal basis, as and when required.

Background:

1. Historically, a report has gone to TEC giving the names of borough officers that can provide TEC with advice on the various policy work undertaken throughout the year. This section has always been placed at the end of the "Nominations to Outside Bodies" report and titled "Appointment of TEC Committee Advisers".
2. As there is no formal appointment of committee advisers, as such, and no constitutional reason for doing this, it is now proposed to remove this section from the "Nominations to Outside Bodies" report that is presented to members at the TEC AGM.
3. TEC officers would continue to seek guidance from borough officers with relevant skills and expertise regarding TEC matters informally when needed. This is how the process of seeking advice is carried out throughout the year normally and if necessary includes London Councils officers seeking views from borough officers who have not necessarily been named as committee advisers.

Task and Finish Groups

4. During 2016/17 London Councils officers reviewed the officer groups it organised on policy matters for waste and transport. It was felt these groups were no longer addressing the key issues of policy London Councils was focusing on, and meetings lacked focus.
5. London Councils disbanded these groups and moved to a Task and Finish Group approach for specific matters of policy. Four groups have been set up to date on; the Mayor's Transport Strategy response, the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) process, the London Environment Strategy response, and the Ultra Low Emission Zone.
6. The process for selecting officers to join these groups is as follows:
 - a. Relevant officers in every borough are emailed asking to express interest;
 - b. Expressions of interest are then reviewed for political control, inner/outer split and where relevant sub-region. They are also reviewed to ensure a mix of boroughs across all Task and Finish Groups;
 - c. The final group is assembled with all boroughs remaining on distribution lists for all agendas, papers and minutes, and with the opportunity to comment. Officers attending the groups have an explicit responsibility as part of the Terms of Reference to seek the views of the other boroughs in their sub-region.
7. Feedback from officers who are members of the Task and Finish Groups has been positive about the process so far. We try and keep the number of meetings to a minimum, given time pressures on all and we send meeting minutes and draft consultation responses to all officers on our distribution list, giving every borough the opportunity to comment.

Recommendation:

8. That the TEC Executive Sub Committee agree to the removal of the "Appointment of Committee Advisers" section from future Nominations to Outside Bodies reports, that are presented to the TEC AGM, as advice would be sought on an informal basis, as and when required.

Financial Implications

9. 5. There are no financial implications to London Councils arising from this report.

Legal Implications:

10. 6. There are no legal implications to London Councils arising from this report.

Equalities Implications:

11. 7. There are no equalities implications to London Councils arising from this report.

Background Papers:

12. 8. None