

Name of meeting: Corporate Governance & Audit Committee

Date: 24 November 2020

Title of report: Appointment of a Trustee of the Joshua Wood Charity

Purpose of report:

The purpose of this report is to seek the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee's endorsement of the nomination of the Council's Trustee of the Joshua Wood Charity

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u>?	Key Decision – No Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No

Electoral wards affected: Heckmondwike

Ward councillors consulted: Cllr Viv Kendrick, Cllr Steve Hall and Cllr Aafaq Butt

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes

1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee's (CGAC) endorsement of the nomination of the Council's Trustee of the Joshua Wood Charity

2. Background

- 2.1 At its' meeting on 22 July 2020, the CGAC received a report which outlined that at that time, the Council in its capacity as Corporate Trustee was one of three trustees of the Joshua Wood Trust and it was the Council's Cabinet that had the authority under the constitution to make the decisions of the Council in its capacity as Corporate Trustee.
- 2.2 The Committee noted that been difficult to conduct trustee business, as meetings of the trustees could only be held when there were meetings of the Council as Corporate Trustee. The Council in its capacity as Corporate Trustee had therefore been requested by the other two trustees, to cease to be trustee.
- 2.3 The Committee endorsed the proposed resolution of the Trustees of the Joshua Wood Trust to change the composition of the Trustees from the current composition (being the Vicar of Batley; the Churchwarden of St James Heckmondwike; and Kirklees Council as corporate trustee) to the Vicar of St James Heckmondwike, the Churchwarden of St James Heckmondwike and a nominee of Kirklees Council who has an affinity with the locality of Heckmondwike.

3. Council nomination

Following discussion with the Group Business Manager, CGAC are asked to note that Councillor Steve Hall has been nominated as Trustee of the Joshua Wood Trust for the duration of the nomination.

4. Implications for the Council

- **Working with People**

The ability of the Council to nominate a Trustee will mean that the Council has an opportunity to work with the church community in Heckmondwike

- **Working with Partners**

The ability of the Council to nominate a Trustee will mean that that Council has an opportunity to work with the Church in Heckmondwike

- **Place Based Working**

The ability of the Council to nominate a Trustee with an affinity with Heckmondwike will promote the 'Place Based Working' approach.

- **Climate Change and Air Quality**

The change to the governance arrangements of the Trust will not practically change carbon emissions.

- **Improving outcomes for children**

There will be no impact

- **Other (e.g. Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**

There are no financial or human resource implications in the implementation of the officers' recommendations.

There are no legal implications in the council exercising its nomination rights. However, the nominee will need to be aware that they will need to discharge their duties of trusteeship.

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

The Corporate Governance & Audit Committee are asked to note and endorse the nomination of Councillor Steve Hall as Trustee of the Joshua Wood Trust for the duration of the nomination.

The reason for this is to address the request from the charity and the withdrawal by the Council in its capacity as corporate trustee from the charity. The corporate trustee will be replaced by an individual Council nominee which will lead to administrative convenience of not having to call corporate trustee meetings, i.e. the whole Cabinet.

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

Not applicable

7. Contact officers

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8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

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9. Service Director responsible

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