



Council

Appointment of a Trustee to Deptford St Paul Charity

Date: 17 January 2024

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: Evelyn, Deptford, New Cross Gate, Brockley, Telegraph Hill

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Outline and recommendations

The Council is recommended to appoint Josie Ashdown to be a nominative trustee of Deptford St Paul Charity

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council has been involved with the Deptford St Paul Charity since the charity was constituted in 1978.
- 1.2 The charity, governed by a trust deed and constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, holds a body of trustees consisting of six persons - four nominative trustees, appointed by Lewisham Council, and two co-optative trustees, who must be persons through residence, occupation or otherwise with special knowledge of the area of benefit.
- 1.3 The charity currently has two co-optative trustees (who are not councillors) and one nominative trustee (who is a councillor).
- 1.4 It would be beneficial for the Council to appoint an additional nominative trustee to enable the charity to operate efficiently and effectively and to help ensure meetings of the charity are quorate.

- 1.5 One of the co-optative trustees proposed Josie Ashdown be appointed as an additional nominative trustee.
- 1.6 Josie Ashdown has worked for local grassroots charity, Bench Outreach, for over four years and was a volunteer prior to that. Josie has a professional understanding of housing, homelessness and what genuinely makes a difference to people who are destitute, taking into account the diverse experiences and backgrounds of residents. Josie lives in Deptford and would appreciate another opportunity to serve the community.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is recommended to appoint Josie Ashdown as a nominative trustee to the Deptford St Paul Charity, with immediate effect.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4. Legal implications

- 4.1 All legal matters are covered in the main body of the report.

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