



Council

Appointment of a Trustee to Deptford St Paul's Charity

Date: 12 July 2023

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 Councillor Will Cooper to be a nominative trustee of Deptford St Paul's Charity

1. Background

- 1.1. The Council has been involved with the Deptford St Paul's 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 6 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). Without a third trustee its meetings are not quorate and, consequently, the

charity cannot carry out its business.

- 1.4. The council urgently needs to appoint at least one nominative trustee to enable the charity to operate.
- 1.5. Ward councillors in the charity's "area of benefit", which roughly covers Deptford, Brockley, Telegraph Hill, Evelyn and New Cross Gate wards, were invited to volunteer. Councillor Cooper has put himself forward.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Council is recommended to appoint Councillor Will Cooper as a nominative trustee to the Deptford St Paul's 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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