

To: Council of Governors
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Subject: Lead Governor Elections Update

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To update the Council of Governors on the outcome of the 2020 Lead Governor elections.

2.0 Election Timetable

2.1 The election process commenced on 15 July 2020 with the notice of the elections, with the results being declared on 27 October 2020.

3.0 Results

3.1 The numbers of seats per constituency for election and the elected candidates are provided below. 29 Governors (67%) cast a valid vote.

Caroline Ogunsola: 17 votes (59%)
Keith Williams: 12 votes (41%)

3.2 As a result, Caroline Ogunsola has been elected as Lead Governor Elect (Deputy Chair, subject to the Council ratifying the outcome of the ballot) for her current term as Governor on 31 October 2023. Keith Williams will remain Deputy Lead Governor for his current term as Governor on 31 October 2022.

4.0 Consideration

4.1 This was the first election held under the new guidelines agreed by the Council at its meeting on 10 September 2020.

4.2 The process went well, and a new Lead Governor was in place in time for the retirement of the outgoing Lead Governor, Zara Hosany.

4.3 About 12 Governors attended the virtual Q&A session held for both candidates and feedback has been very positive.

4.4 The new requirement of signing the ballot papers (to ensure a single vote from each Governor) led to five unsigned ballot papers being received. A reminder was sent to Governors to request a new ballot paper. One Governor took up this offer.

4.5 The four remaining unsigned ballot papers were not entered into the count. Had they been, they would not have altered the outcome of the election.

4.0 Action Being Requested

4.1 The Council is asked to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the report and **RATIFY** the outcome of the election.