

To: Council of Governors
From: Norbert Lieckfeldt, Corporate Governance Manager
Date: 11 November 2021
Subject: Council Committee Membership

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To update the Council on changes to the membership of the three Council Committees

- Communications and Engagement Committee
- Nominations and Conduct Committee
- Significant Business and Strategy Committee

2.0 Background

2.1 The membership of all Council Committees is determined by the Council (reference Council of Governors Standing Orders para 5.1).

2.2 Committee membership ends with the respective Governor's current term of office irrespective of whether they have been re-elected for a further term.

2.3 The nomination process is outlined under section 4 below.

2.4 A summary of the duties of each Committee is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 Committee Membership

3.1 Communications and Engagement Committee

- The Communication and Engagement Committee has a core membership of at least eight Governors. There were four vacancies as of 31 October 2021. There are no further restrictions on its membership; all Governors are entitled to attend meetings of the Committee.
- As a result, all nominations for CEC were accepted without the need for a vote. As of 1 November, the current Committee's core membership is:
 - Dawn Allen, Bedford Borough Governor
 - *Roshan Ansari, Tower Hamlets Governor*
 - Joseph Croft, Staff Governor
 - *Caroline Diehl, Hackney Governor*
 - Mark Dunne, Staff Governor
 - *Beverley Morris, Hackney Governor*
 - Jamu Patel, Luton Governor (Chair)
 - Suzana Stefanic, Central Bedfordshire Governor

- *Felicity Stocker, Bedford Borough Governor (Vice-Chair)*
- *Aidan White, Newham Governor*

Names in *italics* indicate new or re-appointed members of the Committee

- Jamu Patel has advised she will step down from the Chair of the Committee due to her recent election as Deputy Lead Governor; therefore elections for a new Chair are due to be held.

3.2 Nominations and Conduct Committee

- The Nominations and Conduct Committee has a membership of seven Governors (inc the Lead Governor as ex officio member). In addition the Trust Chair and Trust Vice Chair are also members of the Committee. Of the seven elected members, two must be public governors, one a staff governor and one an appointed governor.

The Committee membership as of 1 November 2021 is:

- Mark Lam, Trust Chair (ex officio, Committee Chair)
- Eileen Taylor, Trust Vice Chair (ex officio as Vice Chair)
- *Zulfiqar Ali, Appointed Governor London Borough of Newham*
- *John Bennett, Public Governor Tower Hamlets*
- *Caroline Diehl, Public Governor Hackney*
- *Mark Dunne, Staff Governor*
- Susan Fajana-Thomas, Appointed Governor London Borough of Hackney
- Caroline Ogunsola, Staff Governor (ex officio as Lead Governor)
- Jamu Patel, Public Governor Luton

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- As of 1 November 2021, the Committee had four vacancies, at least one of whom had to be a staff governor. Only one staff governor nomination (Mark Dunne) was received before the deadline and Mark was duly elected unopposed.
- Four nominations were received for the remaining three places (Zulfiqar Ali, John Bennett, Caroline Diehl, Suzana Stefanic) and following an online ballot using the STV voting system, Zulfiqar Ali, John Bennett and Caroline Diehl were duly elected by Governors.

3.3 Significant Business and Strategy Committee

- The Significant Business and Strategy Committee consists of the Deputy Lead Governor (ex officio) and eight Governors with a minimum of one

Governor per constituency (public, appointed or staff).

- The current Committee membership as of 1 November 2021 is:
 - Rehana Ameer, Appointed Governor City of London
 - John Bennett, Public Governor Tower Hamlets (Chair)
 - *Caroline Diehl, Public Governor Hackney*
 - Adam Forman, Public Governor Hackney
 - Arif Hoque, Tower Hamlets Governor
 - *Jamu Patel, Public Governor Luton (ex officio as Deputy Lead Governor)*
 - Suzana Stefanic, Public Governor Central Bedfordshire

Names in italics indicate new members of the Committee

As of 1 November 2021, the Committee had two vacancies, one of which was going to be filled by the election to the Deputy Lead Governor role, who is an ex officio member of the Committee. Only one Governor (Caroline Diehl) self-nominated for the vacancy and is therefore elected unopposed. As Deputy Lead Governor, Jamu Patel will fill the ex-officio vacancy.

With the resignation of Robin Bonner as staff governor, a vacancy for a staff governor has opened up and we will aim to fill this following the committee membership guidelines.

Should there be more nominations than vacancies, candidates are requested to complete a nomination form, outlining in no more than 250 words why they wish to serve on the relevant Committee and an online ballot of all Governors will take place.

4.0 **Action being requested**

4.1 The Council is asked to:

- **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the report
- **RATIFY** the following appointments:

Communications and Engagement Committee	Nominations and Conduct Committee	Significant Business and Strategy Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roshan Ansari• Caroline Diehl• Mark Dunne• Suzana Stefanic• Aidan White	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zulfiqar Ali• John Bennett• Caroline Diehl• Mark Dunne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caroline Diehl