

Committee(s):	Date(s):	Item no.
Community and Children's Services Court of Common Council	9 December 2011 19 January 2012	
Subject: <b>City of London Academy (Southwark) - Appointment of Sponsor Governors</b>	Public	
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision	

### **Summary**

1. The constitutional arrangements for the Governing body of the City of London Academy in Southwark makes provision for the City Corporation to appoint a total of four sponsor Governors for a term of four years. Initially, sponsor Governors were appointed to represent certain sectors community such as business, legal or property sectors. However, this is no longer considered necessary as, when considering appointments, Members should be mindful of the importance of achieving a suitable balance of skills to further the aims of the Academy's specialism in business and enterprise.
2. The City appoints 8 Governors in total to the Academy Board. 4 Common Council members and 4 sponsor Governors. This report is seeking to approve 4 sponsor Governors.
3. Paul Scott, Simon Stanley, Brian Howard and Jude Chin are the current sponsor Governors on the Board of Governors of the Academy. Details of their respective CVs are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The Chairman of the Board of Governors has explored the possibility of re-appointment with each Governor and, with the exception of Brian Howard, they have confirmed that they would like to be considered for a further term.
4. Anthony Smyth, who is currently a co-opted Member of the Board, has expressed an interest in replacing Mr Howard as a sponsor Governor. Given his experience and knowledge of the Board, the Chairman of the Board has confirmed that he is supportive of Mr Smyth's appointment. Mr Smyth's details are attached for your information as Appendix 2.

### **Recommendations**

5. It is recommended that, subject to the concurrence of the Court of Common Council:-
  - i. The following Sponsor Governors be re-appointed for a further term

and that their re-appointment take effect from the day their term expires:-

- Simon Stanley – from 10 May 2011
  - Jude Chin – from 11 October 2011; and
  - Paul Scott – from 05 March 2012
- ii. Anthony Smyth be appointed as a Sponsor Governor in place of Brian Howard with effect from 09 January 2012.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The Board of Governors of the City of London Academy (Southwark) operates in accordance with constitutional arrangements approved by the Court of Common Council in May 2003, and also in accordance with the Academy's Articles of Association.
2. In accordance with the Articles of Association of the City of London Academy (Southwark) sponsor Governors serve for a period of four years. Governors can put themselves forward for reappointment once their term has expired.

### **Current Position**

3. The current Sponsor Governors of the Academy are set out below and their CVs are attached for your information as Appendix 1 to this report:-
  - Simon Stanley – since May 2007
  - Jude Chin – since October 2007
  - Brian Howard – since January 2008
  - Paul Scott – since March 2008
4. Whilst the term of office for Mr Stanley and Mr Chin expired earlier this year they can remain Governors pending the extension of their appointments. Both remain committed to the Academy and have expressed a wish to be re-appointed.
5. Brian Howard's term of office expires in January 2012 and he has advised that he does not wish be considered for reappointed. Anthony Smyth, a partner of Ernst & Young, a co-opted Member of the Board has however expressed an interest in taking his place. Given his experience and knowledge of the Board, the Chairman has confirmed that he is supportive of Mr Smyth's appointment as a sponsor Governor. Mr Smyth's details are attached for your information as Appendix 2.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

6. The provision of Academy schools meets the following key objectives of the Community Strategy:-
- *To enable City and City fringe residents to have the opportunity to make a success of their lives for themselves, their families and their communities by extending opportunities for education, lifelong learning, skills training and work.*
  - *To enhance services and outcomes for children and young people, including support for vulnerable children and their families.*
  - *To encourage and support services and initiatives which benefit communities within the City and City fringes, contributing to local prosperity.*
7. It also supports the vision of the City Corporation's Corporate Plan in terms of providing valued services and maximising opportunities to be a good neighbour.

## **Implications**

8. There are no financial, legal, property or human resource implications.

## **Conclusion**

9. Members are asked to confirm the appointments of the four sponsor Governors of the City of London Academy (Southwark) for a four year term with effect from the expiry dates of the current appointments.

## **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 CVs for the four current sponsor Governors.

Appendix 2 CV of Anthony Smyth, a prospective sponsor Governor.

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## **APPENDIX 1 - CVs for the four current sponsor Governors**

### **Brian Howard**

Brian Howard is an engineer by profession who has spent most of his 50-year working career in business. For nearly 30 years he worked for IBM rising through several sales and marketing appointments to the position of account executive responsible for IBM's business with Barclays Bank group globally. On retiring from IBM in 1992, he turned away from the IT world to pursue his passion for wine, and started a wine importing business. He sold the business on in 2001 and, together with his daughter, started Wine Intelligence, a market research and consulting practice, advising with wine producers, wine brand owners and wine region organisations globally on business and market development.

In parallel with a busy working life, Brian served as governor as CofE junior school in Sale, Greater Manchester and has provided active leadership in several charitable fund-raising initiatives. He is a member of the World Traders Company, where he has served variously as Honorary Historian and as wine advisor. Following appointment as the Company's Liaison Officer at the City of London Academy (Southwark), Brian was invited to become a Governor in January 2007 and has additionally served for the last two years as chair of the Curriculum and Community Committee.

Brian is not seeking reappointment because, having passed the age of 70 in 2010, he has now retired to Cowes Isle of Wight with his wife, where he has recently been appointed Rear Commodore, House, at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club.

### **Paul Scott**

Paul Scott is a qualified architect and has worked in this sector for over twenty years. He was elected to the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1992. Since first joining tp Bennett LLP in 1987, Paul has played a leading role in a broad range of new build, refurbishment and conversion work including master-planning, office development and fit-out, residential, education, health and transport projects, typically on sensitive urban and rural sites. He is currently a Director of tp Bennett's Health and Education Division but over his career notable projects have included: a new power station; the redevelopment of London Bridge Station; a 22-storey residential tower on the Thames; and a new secondary school in Wood Green as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme.

Paul actively exercises his political interest and between 2005 and 2007 he took a sabbatical working for a local MP and as a campaigns organiser for the Labour Party. He has also been a Councillor for Croydon since 2006 His involvement in the community extends beyond the political, having been a school Governor for no less than four schools, including the City of London Academy Southwark. Paul is Chair of People for Portland Road, an active community group that he established with local residents and business people to improve this somewhat rundown area of South Norwood. He has also used his professional expertise to support local projects and, as a former Managing Trustee of The Sir Phillip Game Youth Club, he helped deliver its new building and to provide a purpose built Judo hall.

## **Simon Stanley**

Simon Stanley is a professional Barrister and legal consultant. After being called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1993 Simon has worked in both the public and private sectors providing legal advice. Following three years as a Barrister, Simon worked in the House of Commons as a legal policy adviser before moving into the public affairs sector with Probus BNW. A call back to the legal profession followed as a professional indemnity lawyer in the City before moving back into Government to work with the Legal Services Commission, an agency of the Ministry of Justice, in 2004.

Simon has used his expertise to support local communities, sitting at Brent Magistrates Court as a Justice of the Peace since 2007. He is also a Councillor for the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and a board member for the Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum, a charity offering health, educational and welfare support to immigrant groups across London. Alongside this Simon has served on the Board of Governors of several inner London secondary schools, including the City of London Academy Southwark, where he has served on the Board since 2007 and is currently the Child Protection Governor. He has also been a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Barbers since 2010.

## **Jude Chin**

Jude Chin has over 30 years of experience in the audit and accountancy sectors has been a lead partner for KPMG for several years. He has worked with many of the country's most successful and largest firms. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and is also a Freeman of the City of London. Over his professional career Jude has developed an expertise in the hospitality, leisure and tourism and technology sectors having worked with some of the major global hotel chains and investment banks.

He has used this knowledge to support the Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee since September 2011. It is clear that Jude has a strong interest in education, having served as a Governor for the City of London Academy Southwark since its foundation in 2003. He is also a Governor of the City Academy, Hackney. Jude is a Board member of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, which is responsible for supporting, promoting and developing all 3,000 specialist schools in England, where he serves as Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee. In addition, Jude was an original participant in Partners in Leadership, a national programme of pairing business leaders with school head teachers to provide mentoring and business support.

## **APPENDIX 2 – CV of Anthony Smyth, a prospective sponsor Governor**

Anthony Smyth is a Chartered Accountant with over 25 years' experience in the financial services sector and is certified in the UK, New Zealand and the USA. He has been a partner at Ernst and Young for fourteen years and currently leads the UK's Financial Services Financial Crime team. Anthony has demonstrable experience in audit and information security both in the UK and globally, having also worked for the second largest Canadian bank.

Anthony has been a co-opted Governor at the Academy since early 2011 and would like the opportunity to apply for a longer period in the role. He hopes to be able to utilise Ernst and Young's education partnership programme to the benefit of the Academy. Anthony's interest in education has also seen him be a founding sponsor of the Academy's literacy mentoring programme in 2009. In addition, Anthony's outside interests include sailing and he is a member of the Royal Ocean Racing Club and the little Ship Club, London.