

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Education Board	8 November 2018
<b>Subject:</b> Governor Appointments	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

This report asks Members to approve the appointment of Rachel McGowan as Chair of Newham Collegiate Sixth Form governing body. Members are also asked to note that Sukhi Bath and Martin Gaskell have been appointed as governors at Newham Collegiate Sixth Form by the Chair of City of London Academies Trust (CoLAT). Members are asked to note that CoLAT Board of Trustees have amended their trust-wide terms of reference for Local Governing Bodies and to note the current governing body membership of City Corporation's schools attached at **Appendix 1**.

### Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Approve the appointment of Rachel McGowan as Chairman of Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Local Governing Body.
- Note the appointment of Sukhi Bath and Martin Gaskell to Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Local Governing Body.
- Note that the CoLAT Board of Trustees updated their trust-wide Terms of Reference for Local Governing Bodies at their meeting on 5 September 2018.
- Note the members of the City schools governing bodies at **Appendix 1**.

### Main Report

#### Approval of Rachel McGowan as Chair of Newham Collegiate Sixth Form

1. At the 20 July 2017 Education Board Meeting, Members approved the appointment of Rachel McGowan as the Chairman of the newly constituted permanent local governing body for Newham Collegiate Sixth Form which formally opened in September 2017. Rachel is Headteacher at Plashet School in Newham and has worked in other leadership roles at various schools for over twenty years. Rachel has extensive experience in curriculum development and student attainment, safeguarding, HR, and financial management and is a member of the Newham Association of Secondary Headteachers and the Association of School and College Leaders.
2. At their full Local Governing Body meeting on 4 October 2018, the Board of Governors carried out the process for annual re-election of the Chairman and nominated Rachel McGowan to continue as Chairman for another term of one year. In accordance with the Sponsorship Agreement, all Chairman appointments to CoLAT local governing bodies must be approved by the Education Board. Members are therefore asked to approve the nomination of Rachel McGowan as Chairman of the Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Local Governing Body.

## **Appointment of Sukhi Bath and Martin Gaskell to Newham Collegiate Sixth Form**

3. This report asks Members to note the appointment of Sukhi Bath and Martin Gaskell to the Newham Collegiate Sixth Form local governing body following approval by the Chairman of the CoLAT Board of Trustees under urgency procedure on 26 September 2018. Sukhi is currently employed as a Project Manager in the office of the Vice-Provost for Education and Student Affairs at University College London (UCL). Martin is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators and was nominated by Sponsor Governor, Caroline Haines. Martin has had a number of leadership roles in further and higher education, including being Rector of the University of Northampton and Chairman of HE European Social Fund.

### **Review of the Trust-wide Terms of Reference for local governing bodies**

4. At its meeting on 13 September 2018, Members of the Education Board noted that the CoLAT Board of Trustees reviewed its Terms of Reference for Local Governing Bodies. At its meeting on 5 September 2018, CoLAT Board Members approved a variation in the terms to allow that “under exceptional circumstances, the numbers, membership and nature of the Local Governing Body may be varied. Any variation must be submitted for consideration by the Trust Board who will decide whether, and for how long, the approval is given.” For clarity it is noted that the City Corporation’s co-sponsored academies are, unlike the Trust, single academy trusts with different constitutions and are not affected by this review.
5. Following the approval of the variation in the Terms of Reference, CoLAT Board Members provided approval to increase the number of governors on the local governing body at City of London Academy Highbury Grove to a total of sixteen governors, including up to twelve approved by the CoLAT Board. Following this, the Chairman of the Local Governing Body and the Executive Principal of Highbury Grove have been seeking and considering potential nominees for the additional four co-opted governors. Nominations are due to be presented for approval at the next CoLAT Board on 13 December 2018 and will be brought to the subsequent Education Board for information.

### **Current membership of City Corporation schools’ governing bodies**

6. The current governing body membership of City Corporation’s schools is attached at **Appendix 1**.

### **Conclusion**

7. Members are asked to approve the appointment of Chairman and note the appointment of two co-opted governors to Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Local Governing Body. Members are also asked to note variations to the CoLAT Terms of Reference for Local Governing Bodies, and to note the current governing body membership of City Corporation schools.

### **Appendix**

- Appendix 1 – Governing body membership of City Corporation’s schools

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