

Committee(s)	Dated:
Epping Forest and Commons Committee – For decision	19 November 2018
Court of Common Council – For decision	6 December 2018
Subject: Appointment of Verderer of Epping Forest (South)	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

Following the untimely death in service of Peter Adams MBE who served as a Verderer of Epping Forest since January 1997, and in accordance with the Epping Forest Act (1878), the Epping Forest and Commons Committee appointed a working party to recruit to this position. The recruitment process is now complete, and the working party are able to recommend one candidate as a unanimous decision.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Endorse the selection of Nicholas Munday as Epping Forest Verderer (South) for onward approval by the Court of Common Council.

Main Report

Background

1. In accordance with Section 30(7) of the Epping Forest Act 1878, the Committee must make a recommendation to the Court of Common Council in respect of the appointment of a Verderer of Epping Forest who will serve as such until the septennial elections in 2020 when all four of the Epping Forest Verderers will be elected.
2. On 9th July 2018 the Epping Forest and Commons Committee nominated a working party of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, two Members, three Verderers and Director of Open Spaces to oversee the recruitment process.

3. Advertisements opened online on 20 July 2018 with closing date midday on Monday 3rd September 2018, with copy in the print editions of City AM and Epping Forest Guardian. The vacancy was also promoted through social media channels.

Current Position

4. Five applications were received by the closing date. All of the applicants met the criteria laid out in the Epping Forest Act (1878) in that they were all resident in one of the ancient Forest parishes and were not members of the City of London Court of Common Council.
5. The Working Party agreed to interview all five applicants on Wednesday 17th October 2018 at The Warren.
6. After structured interviews and application of agreed scoring criteria, all members of the working party unanimously agreed that Nicholas Munday should be put forward for approval as the new Verderer of Epping Forest.

Options

7. Endorse the working party selection of Nicholas Munday as Verderer of Epping Forest. **This option is recommended**

Corporate & Strategic Implications

8. This process fulfils the obligation on the City of London under Section 30(7) of the Epping Forest Act, namely:

Casual vacancies among the verderers caused by death, resignation, disqualification, or otherwise shall be filled by the Conservators from among persons qualified to be elected verderers; but a person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall be entitled to hold office so long as the vacating verderer would have been entitled to hold office.

Implications

9. Costs of recruitment advertising have been met by Epping Forest Local Risk.

Conclusion

10. In accordance with the Epping Forest Act, a nominated working party has overseen a full recruitment process, and have unanimously agreed to propose

Nicholas Munday to the Epping Forest and Commons Committee and Court of Common Council as Verderer of Epping Forest.

Appendices

- None

Background Papers

- Appointment of a Verderer of Epping Forest, Epping Forest & Commons Committee 9th July 2018

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