

TO: **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

15 November 2018

FROM: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

5 October 2018

### **THE POSITION OF GOVERNORS AT CITY CORPORATION SCHOOLS**

At its meeting on 5 October, the Standards Committee was disappointed that again it had to refuse a dispensation request from a City Corporation school governor who had become a parent at the relevant school. In considering the two recent similar applications, the Committee noted that as a Common Council appointment, the role of Governor of a City Corporation school was different from that of a governor in other schools and, as a consequence of the schools' constitutions, the Localism Act 2011 was applicable and consequently any governor who was also a parent had a disclosable pecuniary interest and a dispensation could only be granted if it met with the criteria set out under the Act.

It appears to the Standards Committee that it is not possible for a governor of a City Corporation school who is also a parent of a pupil at the school to fulfil the role of governor satisfactorily due to the combined impact of the schools' constitutions and the legislation. The Committee hoped that Policy and Resources Committee would consider this matter and seek a solution to it.