

<b>Committee:</b> Policy and Resources Committee	<b>Date(s):</b> 12 December 2019
<b>Subject:</b> City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees: Reappointment of Sponsor Trustee	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

The Articles of Association of the City of London Academies Trust specify under Article 50 that as Sponsor, the City of London Corporation may appoint up to six individuals to serve as Sponsor Trustees on the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees. When making appointments under Article 50, the Sponsor is required to have regard to the need for the Board of Trustees to have a balance of skills and experience and to appoint suitably qualified individuals who support the purposes of the Academy Trust and can commit the time necessary to fulfil the role of Trustee.

The Policy and Resources Committee previously agreed the appointment of Andrew McMurtrie to the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a four-year term commencing 14 January 2016 that is due to end on 13 January 2020. Andrew McMurtrie is seeking reappointment to serve as a Sponsor Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a further four-year term.

### Recommendation

The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to consider the reappointment of Andrew McMurtrie as a Sponsor Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a further four-year term commencing 14 January 2020.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The City of London Academies Trust oversees four secondary academies, three primary academies and one sixth form centre in London and seeks to deliver outstanding educational outcomes for young people. The Trust also works closely with one maintained primary school, two co-sponsored academies and three independent schools supported by the City of London Corporation.
2. The Trust is overseen by a Board of Trustees, which has ultimate legal accountability for the educational outcomes of the Trust's schools and sets the Trust's strategy, financial management, and regulatory compliance.

3. Although not a sub-committee or City Corporation Committee, the Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for appointing two Trustees to the City of London Academies Trust. The current term of appointment of Andrew McMurtrie will end on 13 January 2020 and Mr McMurtrie has expressed an interest in being reappointed as a Sponsor Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a further four-year term.
4. Andrew McMurtrie has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees since April 2017 and is a Member of its Standards and Accountability Committee and Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. Since his appointment to the Board of Trustees, Mr McMurtrie has attended 18 out of a possible 18 meetings.

## **Appendices**

- None.

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