# **RESOLUTION OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF 21 JULY 2020**

To: **Social Investment Board** 23 July 2020

From: **Investment Committee** 21 July 2020

#### 4. APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARDS AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk seeking Members' approval on the composition, frequency of meetings, and co-option protocol for the Committee's Boards.

### **RESOLVED - That the Investment Committee:**

- a) Approve the appointment of the Financial, Property and Social Investment Boards, and that the frequency of meetings, terms of reference and co-option protocol for the Committee's Boards be approved;
- b) Appoint Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney to the Social Investment Board;
- c) Note that the Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Investment Committee are exofficio Members of the following Committees:
  - Policy & Resources Committee
  - Finance Committee
- d) Agree that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Investment Committee, to appoint Members of the Investment Committee to the Boards where there is a vacancy and where a Member of Investment Committee expresses a willingness to serve.

# (C) Social Investment Board

# Composition

- Chairman to be determined by the Board;
- Three Members of the Investment Committee;
- Three Members of the City Bridge Trust Committee;
- Three Members with social investment interest elected from the wider Court of
- Common Council; plus
- Up to three co-opted Members appointed according to the existing process

Members of the Social Investment Board should serve a three-year term, rather than one year, with a maximum of three consecutive terms per Member.

All nominees must be Members of the Court of Common Council.

External co-opted members to be appointed for three-year terms, subject to annual reappointment at the first meeting of the Board after Annual Court in April.

#### Quorum

Any three Members of the Board.

#### Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the Social Investment Board shall be as follows: -

- a) to approve criteria for social investments and to authorise social investments in accordance with such criteria;
- b) to approve the appointment of and monitor the performance of independent advisors tasked with undertaking due diligence of investment proposals; and
- all of the above to be consistent with the strategic investment policies determined by the Policy and Resources Committee and the Investment Committee.

There is provision within the Investment Committee's Terms of Reference to enable the Chairman of the Social Investment Board to report on and speak to their activities and responsibilities in the Court of Common Council and to ensure that any decisions are taken without undue delay.

#### \*Note on the Chairmanship

The Social Investment Board shall elect annually a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman from amongst all of its Members (including ex-officio Members who shall also have the power to vote in such elections) with the exception of any co-opted people.

# Social Investment Board Membership 2020/21

Three Members of the City Bridge Trust Committee	Alderman Alison Gowman Jeremy Mayhew Dhruv Patel
Three Members of the Investment Committee	Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney Nick Bensted-Smith Tijs Broeke
Three Members with social investment interest elected from the wider Court of Common Council	Alderman Bronek Masojada Henry Colthurst Andrien Meyers
Plus, up to three co-opted Members	

# Protocol for co-option to the Financial Investment Board, the Property Investment Board and the Social Investment Board

- 1. The Financial Investment Board, the Property Investment Board and the Social Investment Board and are empowered to co-opt people with relevant expertise or experience, including non-Members of the Court of Common Council, to assist in their deliberations.
- 2. The arrangements for co-option and the co-opted membership of individuals to the Financial Investment Board, the Property Investment Board and Social Investment Board will be reviewed on an annual basis at the May meeting of the Investment Committee (and thereafter at the first meetings of the respective Boards).
- Whilst being conscious of expertise and any required skill sets, Members should consider the gender (sex) and ethnic mix of the relevant Board when proposing co-options, and should seek to introduce new and talented people, from diverse backgrounds, who could make a contribution to the work of the Boards.
- 4. Members of the Court of Common Council can be co-opted to the Financial Investment Board, the Property Investment Board or the Social Investment Board by agreement of the relevant Board, following proposal of the co-option at a meeting of the Board.
- 5. When suggesting external individuals with relevant expertise or experience for co-option, Members of the Financial Investment Board, the Property Investment Board or the Social Investment Board will be required to:-
  - a. send a written request for co-option to the Town Clerk, specifying whom it is proposed should be co-opted to either the Financial Investment Board or the Property Investment Board or the Social Investment Board and the reasons for their co-option;
  - b. send a CV or supporting statement, for the individual being suggested for co-option, to the Town Clerk. Bearing in mind the Board's terms of reference, the letter and supporting statement or CV should demonstrate the individual's relevant skills and experience.
- 6. For the Standards Committee, is it considered inappropriate for past Members of the Court of Common Council or former City Corporation employees to be eligible to serve as [independent] outside members and Members will need to consider if the same conditions should apply in respect of co-option to the Financial Investment Board, the Property Investment Board and Social Investment Board. It would be inappropriate for a close friend or relative of any Member or officer to serve or indeed an employee of any organisation of which the City Corporation is a client.
- 7. The Town Clerk will consult the relevant Chief Officer to discuss the co-option request and will, if necessary, prepare a report for the next meeting of the

- respective Board. Members of the respective Board will then be asked to consider the co-option request.
- 8. Unless co-option is time-banded or topic/project restricted, co-opted Members of the Financial Investment, the Property Investment Board and Social Investment Board will be entitled to attend all meetings of the respective Board for a maximum of 12 months (prior to the annual review in May) and to receive all committee-related documentation, including exempt papers, unless otherwise determined by the Town Clerk in consultation with the relevant Chief Officer.
- 9. The Financial Investment Board, the Property Investment Board and the Social Investment Board are empowered to approve their own co-opted membership (majority vote) without prior consultation with, or agreement by, the Investment Committee. The Town Clerk will inform the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee once a Board has agreed co-option of an individual.
- 10. Co-opted Members would not have voting rights.
- 11. Co-opted Members of the Financial Investment Board, the Property Investment Board and Social Investment Board will be required to complete a Register of Interest form and declare personal and prejudicial interests when in attendance at meetings.