

TO: LICENSING COMMITTEE

Gifford, Mayor



**A Court of Common
Council holden in the
Guildhall of the City
of London on
Thursday, the sixth
day of December,
2012.**

Post-implementation Review of the Governance Arrangements

At its meeting on 3 March 2011 the Court agreed a number of changes to the City Corporation's Governance. In approving the new arrangements it was also agreed that a post-implementation review should be undertaken after a year of operation to take stock and to ensure that the revised arrangements were operating effectively. To this end, a Working Party was established by the Court to conduct the post-implementation review.

A consultation exercise on the revised arrangements was subsequently carried out over the summer recess on behalf of the Working Party with both Members and City Corporation Committees. The Working Party has considered the responses in detail and concluded that overall the new arrangements are operating well but that there were one or two areas that required modification.

Whilst the various conclusions and recommendations of the Post-implementation Review of Governance are set out within the Working Party's report, the principal changes recommended are as follows:-

- An increase from 10 to 15 in the number of elected Members on the Establishment Committee, two of whom shall have less than 5 years' service on the Court.
- The Chief Commoner should be elected in October rather than September; should take office at the first Court meeting after the wardmotes and the current arrangement whereby there is an expectation that Aldermen will not vote in the election of that office should be dispensed with.
- The West Ham element of the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee should be reconstituted as a separate committee but with the same Court-elected Members on each committee.
- The Corporate Asset and Energy and Sustainability Sub Committees be transferred from the Policy and Resources Committee to the Finance Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee respectively.
- The Policy & Resources Committee should, in future, elect three Deputy Chairmen with the "chairman-in-waiting" being electing one year before the expected date of an election for Chairman.

We submit for consideration and **recommend** approval of, a printed and circulated report containing the various conclusions and recommendations of the Post-implementation Review of Governance Working Party.

Read.

Of particular relevance to your Committee:-

Extract from the report – Paragraphs 29 & 30

“29. The Licensing Committee requested that consideration be given to the Chairman of that the Licensing Committee becoming an ex-officio Member of the Policy Committee on the basis that licensing was a major policy area which affects the City, workers and residents.

30. The Working Party noted that a review of the ex-officio appointments on the Policy and Resources Committee had been considered by the Committee in June 2011 as directed by the Court and that the possibility of the Chairman of the Licensing Committee becoming an ex-officio Member had also been considered in 2008. At that time the request had been declined on the basis that the Policy Committee had no specific involvement with, or influence over, the City Corporation’s licensing policy and that the Licensing Committee reported directly to the Court. Changes were however made to the ex-officio appointments on the Committee in 2011 with the addition of the Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Investment Committee. This increased the number of ex-officio places from 10 to 13. Licensing is one of 14 committees/boards which do not hold an ex-officio place on the Policy Committee and the Working Party was content with the current arrangement.

Recommendation: that no change be made to the Policy Committee’s current ex-officio membership and that the Licensing Committee be advised accordingly.”

Motion – ‘To agree the recommendation set out in Paragraph 30 of the report?’

Resolved – That the recommendation set out in Paragraph 30 of the report be agreed to.