

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)

Boards of Governors of the City of London School, the City of London School for Girls and the City of London Freeman's School

1. The Board of Governors of the City of London School praised the work of the three City Schools' Joint Working Party and welcomed the removal of the restriction of the number of School Boards that Members could sit on. It acknowledged that it had been beneficial for the Chairmen of each Board to sit on the other two Boards as ex-officio Governors and share their experiences. The City of London School for Girls warned against too much cross representation as it did not want to move towards one Board covering all three City schools, and suggested that a sensible limit be placed on the number of Governors permitted to serve on more than one Board at any one time.
2. The Working Party considered this and concluded that there should be no change.

Recommendation: That no action be taken to limit the number of governors who can serve on each Board and that the three School Boards be advised accordingly.

Motion – 'To agree the recommendations set out in the report relating to the Boards of Governors of the City of London School, the City of London School for Girls and the City of London Freeman's School, service on Committees and other committee issues?'

Resolved – That the recommendations set out in the report relating to the Boards of Governors of the City of London School, the City of London School for Girls and the City of London Freeman's School, service on Committees and other committee issues be agreed to.