

Committee(s):	Date(s):	Item no.
Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School	21 January 2013	
The Court of Common Council	7 March 2013	
Subject: Regulations for the admission and maintenance of Foundation Scholars - Alteration	Public	
Report of: Chamberlain	For Decision	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summary</u></p> <p>Orphans of a deceased Freeman or Freewoman of the City of London are eligible for consideration as Foundation Scholars which are funded from Freedom fee income.</p> <p>Foundation Scholarships are currently approved by the Court of Common Council upon the recommendation of the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School. It is now proposed that authority to approve Foundation Scholarships is delegated by the Court of Common Council to the Board of Governors.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>It is recommended that the Board seeks approval of the Court of Common Council to delegate authority to approve Foundation Scholarships to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.</p>		

Main Report

1. On 24th March 1960, the Court of Common Council approved Regulations, as attached at Appendix A, under which children of a deceased Freeman or Freewoman of the City of London could be elected as Foundation Scholars at the City of London Freeman's School, subject to the recommendation of the Board of Governors. Such scholarships are funded from Freedom fee income.
2. At the last meeting of the Board, following the recommended approval of a new Foundation Scholarship application, it was suggested that the Court of

Common Council's approval be sought to delegate future decisions to the Board, thereby removing the need to seek the concurrence of the Court of Common Council in every case and assisting in the efficiency and expediency of decision-making.

3. Section 14 of 'The Act for Establishing a School for Orphans of Freemen of the City of London 1850' permits the Court Of Common Council to delegate any of their powers under that Act to a committee.
4. The proposal would require a change to the first paragraph of the regulations as highlighted in Appendix A and the approval of the Court of Common Council.
5. The Comptroller and City Solicitor has confirmed that should the Court of Common Council agree to modify the regulations and delegate to the Board of Governors the authority to take decisions as to which children should be admitted as Foundation Scholars, the Board's current Terms of Reference are sufficiently broad accommodate the change.
6. The Comptroller & City Solicitor and the Headmaster have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

Background Papers:

- Regulations for the admission and maintenance of Foundation Scholars;
- Act for Establishing a School for Orphans of Freeman of the City of London 1850.

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City Of London Freeman's School

Regulations for admission and maintenance of Foundation Scholars

The Court of Common Council **has delegated to** ~~shall have the power upon the recommendation of~~ the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School **authority** to elect as Foundation Scholars any child or children of a deceased Freeman or Freewoman of the City of London subject to the following conditions: -

1. Eligibility

- (a) To be eligible for consideration as a Foundation Scholar, a child must be the orphan of a deceased Freeman or Freewoman of the City of London. Step-children or adopted children are also eligible. Children whose parents were reduced in circumstances by casualties which they could not avert shall be especially eligible for admission.
- (b) Foundation Scholars will be admitted normally between the ages of nine and eleven years, and exceptionally thereafter.
- (c) No children will be accepted as Foundation Scholars unless:-
 - (i) the Headmaster of the City of London Freeman's School certifies to the committee that they are academically able to profit from instruction in the school, and
 - (ii) the School Doctor certifies to the Board of Governors that they are physically fit to enter the School as boarders.
- (d) The maximum number of foundation Scholars allowed in the School at any one time shall be such as the Board of Governors may from time to time determine.

2. Maintenance in the School

- (a) Foundation Scholars will normally be non fee-paying boarders in the City of London Freeman's School, the City of London Corporation will provide them with all clothing needed in term time and, in addition, pay for any extras (except pocket money) such as would normally be incurred by fee-paying boarders at the school.

- (b) The Board of Governors are empowered to require a parent or guardian of a Foundation Scholar, either before or after admission of the child to the school, to pay all, or a portion of the tuition and or boarding fees, if in their opinion the financial circumstances of the parent or guardian are sufficient, and to require the production annually of a certificate indicating whether or not there has been any change in such circumstances.
- (c) Foundation Scholars will leave school at the end of the School year in which they reach the age of sixteen years unless it is, in the opinion of the Headmaster, educationally desirable that they should remain at school. They will not remain at school unless exceptional circumstances warrant it, after the end of the school year in which they reach the age of 18 years.
- (d) The Board of Governors have power to expel or require the removal from the school of any Foundation Scholar at any time if in their opinion the circumstances warrant it.

3. Procedure for election of Foundation Scholars

- (a) A parent or guardian of the orphan of a Freeman shall make application to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School (through the Town Clerk) upon a form giving all necessary particulars, and accompanied by the following certificates:
 - (i) Birth of the child
 - (ii) Marriage of the child's parents, or proof of adoption or acceptance of responsibility for custody of the child
 - (iii) Death of the Freeman or Freewoman
 - (iv) Chamberlain's Freedom certificate
- (b) The Board of Governors may require either the surviving parent (or guardian), or the candidate for election, to appear before them or before such person or persons as may be empowered by the Board to interview them on their behalf.