



Report of the Standards Committee

Appointment of Co-opted Members

To be presented on Thursday, 11th September 2014

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Summary

The Standards Committee comprises twelve Members, four of whom are co-opted and are independent from the City Corporation. Whilst Co-opted Members are no longer a statutory requirement and have no formal vote, following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, the City of London Corporation has agreed to the inclusion of Co-opted Members on the Committee to maximise the breadth of knowledge and experience available.

There are currently two co-opted vacancies and following a recruitment exercise two candidates, Mr Mark Greenburgh and Mr Dan Large have been nominated by the Selection Panel to serve on the Standards Committee.

Recommendation

We **recommend** that the Selection Panel's recommendation that Mr Mark Greenburgh and Mr Dan Large be appointed to serve as Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee for four-year terms expiring in December 2018 be approved.

(To be brought into effect, this recommendation requires the approval of a majority of the Members of the authority and it will, therefore, be necessary to BALLOT on this item.)

Main Report

1. The Standards Committee comprises twelve Members, four of whom are Co-opted Members and must be independent from the City Corporation (ie. must not be Common Councilmen). Whilst Co-opted Members are no longer a statutory requirement and no longer have a formal vote, following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, the City of London Corporation has approved the inclusion of Co-opted Members on the Standards Committee to maximise the breadth of knowledge and experience on the Committee. Co-opted Members are entirely separate from the three statutory “Independent Persons” appointed under the Localism Act 2011 who must be consulted in relation to any investigation but who are not formal members of the Committee.
2. Following an appointment exercise in autumn 2013 to appoint to three vacancies for Co-opted Members of the Committee as a result of the completion of the terms of office of Dr Colin Kolbert, Howard Lederman and Felicity Lusk, Judith Barnes was appointed and Felicity Lusk was reappointed by the Court in November 2013. A further vacancy arose in the room of Mr Alan Graham following the expiry of his term of office in March 2014.
3. At the 1st May meeting of the Court of Common Council, your Committee sought approval to revise the composition of the Selection Panel for the purposes of short-listing and interviewing applicants for Co-opted Member roles on the Standards Committee. The previous composition, which included the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen and the Chief Commoner (or their representatives), was agreed by the Court of Common Council in 2000 when the new Standards Committee was established and when no Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the new Committee existed. On the grounds that the Standards Committee’s arrangements were now firmly established, and in view of revisions to the selection panel arrangements for other decision making bodies comprising of elected and Co-opted Members over recent years, including the Police and the Audit and Risk Management Committees, the Court agreed that the composition of the Selection Panel (Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee) should be revised to include the Chairman of the Standards Committee, the Deputy Chairman of the Standards Committee, the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen (or their representatives).
4. The recent recruitment and selection process commenced in December 2013. Three valid applications were received and considered by the Selection Panel on 15th July 2014. Due to a personal interest arising from the Chairman’s knowledge of two of the candidates, Alderman Julian Malins acted as the Chairman’s representative for the purposes of both the selection and interview stage and also approved the matter in accordance with the City Corporation’s urgency procedures.
5. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the recommendation of the Selection Panel that Mr Mark Greenburgh and Mr Dan Large be appointed to fill the existing Co-opted Member vacancies. The recommendations of the Selection

Panel were considered by the Standards Committee in accordance with Standing Order 41 (b) to ensure that the appointments process was not unnecessarily delayed. All Members of the Committee were advised of the recommendations ahead of the decision being approved by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Standards Committee.

6. **Mr Mark Greenburgh** has not previously served as a Co-opted Member of the Standards Committee. Mr Greenburgh:-
 - is a solicitor and partner with Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co., an international law firm based in Holborn
 - is head of the Public Sector Group (Local and Central Government, education, social housing and social care)
 - specialises in Local Government, conduct, probity and governance issues, employment and equalities law
 - previously served as a local authority councillor (Buckinghamshire County Council) between 1993 and 2001 and was Leader of the Council between 1997 and 2001
 - is a Freeman of the City and Liveryman of the City of London Solicitors' Company.

7. **Mr Dan Large** has not previously served as a Co-opted Member of the Standards Committee. Mr Large:-
 - is a Company Director and Trustee of the Riverside Trust Limited
 - is a Council Member of the Chartered Institute of Public relations
 - is a member of the Professional Practices Committee, Chartered Institute of Public Relations
 - is a Freeman of the Company of Public Relations Practitioners
 - has served on a variety of standards-focussed committees over recent years, including the Disciplinary Appeals Panel of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, the Independent Monitoring Board of HMP Wormwood Scrubs, and the Professional Practices Committee of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations
 - has worked regularly with local authorities and the Department for Communities & Local Government in his professional capacity as a political adviser.

8. We are pleased to endorse the Selection Panel's **recommendation** that both Mr Mark Greenburgh and Mr Dan Large be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee as Co-opted Members for a four-year term expiring in December 2018.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 1st September 2014.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP,
Chairman of the Standards Committee