



## Report of the Education Board

# Appointment of Governors to City Academy Hackney, City of London Academy Southwark, and Prior Weston Primary School

*To be presented on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014*

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

### **Summary**

The City of London Corporation holds responsibility for the appointment of a number of Governors to the several City Academies, as well as a number of other schools and educational institutions. Your Education Board has recently considered a number of vacancies and accordingly recommends that the Court of Common Council grants approval to appoint Nigel Challis CC to the Board of Governors of the City Academy Hackney, Mr Simon Atkinson to the Board of Governors of City of London Academy Southwark and Jeremy Mayhew CC to the Board of Governors of Prior Weston Primary School.

### **Recommendation**

We **recommend** that:

- Nigel Challis CC be appointed to the Board of Governors of City Academy Hackney
- Mr Simon Atkinson be appointed to the Board of Governors of City of London Academy Southwark
- Jeremy Mayhew CC be appointed to the Board of Governors of Prior Weston Primary School

## **MAIN REPORT**

### **Background**

1. The Education Board was brought into being at the meeting of the Court of Common Council on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014, where it was granted a remit to oversee the City of London Corporation's education portfolio and the implementation of the City of London Education Strategy 2013-2015.
2. Part of the Education Board's remit is to be responsible for the oversight and monitoring of the City of London's sponsorship of its Academies, including recommending to the Court of Common Council the appointment of Governors. Similarly, the Education Board is responsible for recommending to the Court of Common Council candidates for appointment as the City of London Corporation's representative on school governing bodies where nomination rights are granted, and which do not fall within the remit of any other committee.

### **Current position**

3. At its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 the Education Board noted that Nigel Challis CC had been performing, with the approval of the Community and Children's Services Committee, the role of Governor at City Academy Hackney on an interim basis from November 2013, due to an unforeseen vacancy having arisen. Moreover, the Education Board noted that this interim arrangement had proved a success, with both the co-sponsor KPMG and the wider Board of Governors being keen to have Mr Challis appointed to a full term as Governor. Therefore the Education Board resolved to recommend Mr Challis' appointment to the Court of Common Council for approval.
4. The Education Board went on to consider the proposed appointment of Mr Simon Atkinson as City-appointee to the Board of Governors of the City of London Academy Southwark, noting his role as Assistant Chief Executive of Ipsos MORI and 20 years of experience in both the public and private sectors. On the basis of his supporting statement the Education Board therefore resolved to recommend Mr Atkinson's appointment to the Court of Common Council for approval.
5. The Education Board then noted that an opportunity had arisen for the City of London Corporation to appoint a community Governor to the Board of Governors of Prior Weston Primary School in Islington. Two-thirds of City children who attend maintained schools are educated at Prior Weston, and the school is currently rated 'Good' by Ofsted. Members agreed that a City Governor would ideally be able to support the school's ability to take advantage of its close proximity to the City and to enable the school to match the achievements of its counterpart in the City, Sir John Cass Primary School.
6. An application process was conducted and Jeremy Mayhew CC was identified as a suitable candidate by the Town Clerk under delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board. The Town

Clerk therefore recommends to the Court of Common Council Mr Mayhew's appointment to the Board of Governors of Prior Weston Primary School.

## **Conclusion**

7. This report accordingly **recommends** the appointment of Nigel Challis CC, Mr Simon Atkinson and Jeremy Mayhew CC to, respectively, the Board of Governors of City Academy Hackney, City of London Academy Southwark and Prior Weston Primary School.

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

DATED this 24th day of June 2014.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Deputy Catherine McGuinness**  
Chairman, Education Board