

Committee(s): Education Board	Dated: 14 January 2016
Subject: Annual Review of Terms of Reference	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision

Main Report

1. Each grand committee of the Court of Common Council is obliged to review its terms of reference annually and in good time for any changes to be considered before committees are reappointed by the Court in April each year.
2. The terms of reference of the Education Board are attached as an appendix for your consideration.
3. It is proposed that the approval of any further changes to the Committee's terms of reference be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.
4. The Board is also required to review the frequency of its Committee meetings. At present the Board is scheduled to meet six times in 2016, in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Proposed Change

5. There is one proposed amendment to the Board's Terms of Reference. This arises from the review of the Corporation's grant-giving activities, which the Board considered in June 2015.
6. The Board agreed to review, with the Community and Children's Services Committee, the most appropriate governance arrangements for the Combined Education Charity and City Educational Trust. A further report will be submitted to both Committees in the coming months to facilitate this. Until final arrangements are agreed by both Committees, it is recommended that the Committees take joint responsibility for allocating grants from the funds. The change is outlined in the attached appendix and *is underlined and in italics*. A similar addition will be considered by the Community and Children's Services Committee when that Committee reviews its Terms of Reference on 15 January 2016.

Recommendation(s)

- That, subject to any comments, the amended terms of reference of the Committee be approved for submission both the Policy and Resources Committee and the Court of Common Council, as set out at Appendix 1, and that any further changes required in the lead up to the Court's appointment of Committees be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman; and

- Members consider whether any change is required to the frequency of the Committee's meetings.

Appendices

- Education Board – Terms of Reference

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EDUCATION BOARD

Constitution

- 10 Members elected by the Court of Common Council, at least two of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment;
- Up to four external representatives, appointed by the Education Board, with appropriate expertise in the field of education (i.e. non-Members of the Court of Common Council, who shall have voting rights);
- One Member appointed by the Policy & Resources Committee
- One Member appointed by Community & Children's Services Committee

Quorum

- Any five Common Council Members and one external representative (except for the appointment of external representatives, when the quorum shall be any five Common Council Members).

Terms of Reference

- To monitor and review the City of London Education Strategy, and to oversee its implementation in consultation with the appropriate City of London Committees; referring any proposed changes to the Court of Common Council for approval.
- To oversee generally the City of London Corporation's education activities; consulting with those Committees where education responsibilities are expressly provided for within the terms of reference of these Committees; and liaising with the City's affiliated schools and co-sponsors.
- 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.
- To recommend to the Court of Common Council candidates for appointment of 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.
- To monitor the frameworks for effective accountability, challenge and support in the City schools*.
- To be responsible for the distribution of funds specifically allocated to it for education purposes, in accordance with the City of London Corporation's strategic policies.

- Oversight of the City of London Corporation's education-business link activities.
- to take joint responsibility, with the Community and Children's Services Committee, for allocating grants from the Combined Education Charity and City Education Trust, in line with annual funding and priorities agreed by the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee.

*The expression "the City schools" means, as stated in the education strategy, those schools for which the City has direct responsibility, as proprietor, sponsor or LA, namely : The Sir John Cass Foundation Primary School, The City Academy Hackney, the City of London Academy Southwark, the City of London Academy Islington, the City of London School, the City of London School for Girls, and the City of London Freeman's School, and, when the federation with the City of London Academy Southwark is approved, Redriff Primary School.