

<b>Committee(s)</b> Education Board	<b>Dated:</b> 12 May 2016
<b>Subject:</b> Action Taken Since the Last Meeting	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report Author:</b> Alistair MacLellan, Senior Members' Services Officer	

### Summary

This is an updated version of the report your Board was due to consider at its meeting in March 2016, but did not do so due to a quorum being lost during the course of the meeting. It reports that the Town Clerk has exercised delegated authority on behalf of the Board on two occasions since January 2016. The Town Clerk exercised delegated authority to recommend to the Court of Common Council, on behalf of the Board, that the City of London Primary Southwark project proceed through Gateway 4 of the City of London Corporation's Project Procedure; and to sign a written resolution to adopt amended articles of association for the City of London Academies Trust.

### Recommendation(s)

- Members are asked to note the report

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Standing Order 41 of the Court of Common Council allows for decisions to be taken between meetings of Committees. They can be taken if, in the opinion of the Town Clerk it is urgently necessary for a decision to be made, or if the Committee or Sub-Committee has delegated authority to the Town Clerk to make such a decision. The decisions are taken in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of that Committee.

#### **Delegated Authority Decision – City of London Primary Southwark Gateway 4b/4c (24 February 2016)**

2. In July 2015 the Education Board and the Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee delegated authority to officers to proceed with negotiations with the Education Funding Agency (EFA) regarding Heads of Terms and the capital funding envelope for a free school on the former Galleywall School site in Bermondsey. These negotiations reached a satisfactory conclusion in January 2016 with the confirmation of capital funding for the project given by the EFA. As the project is over £5m, it was necessary to seek authority from the Court of Common Council for the project to proceed in line with the City of London Corporation's Gateway Project Procedure. The Town Clerk therefore exercised delegated authority to submit a Gateway 4b (Approval of Court of Common Council) Report to the Court at its meeting on 3 March 2016. Subject to the Court's approval, this delegated authority will permit the project to continue to proceed to the Gateway 4c (Detailed Design) stage.
3. The City of London Primary Academy Southwark is scheduled to open in temporary accommodation in September 2016 and will reach full complement in part new-build and part refurbished accommodation by 2022.

**Delegated Authority Decision - City of London Academies Trust – Amended Articles of Association - Written Resolution (18 March 2016)**

4. The Department for Education (DfE) advised the City of London Academies Trust in early March that the Trust was required to adopt amended Articles of Association to bring them into line with new model Articles issued by the DfE in February 2016. The adoption of those amended articles was non-negotiable and a requirement to guarantee a funding agreement to enable Galleywall Primary School to open in September 2016. The proposed amendments did not touch on significant matters such as the City Corporation's rights as academy sponsor. The Town Clerk therefore signed the resolution in his capacity as corporate member of the City of London Academies Trust.
5. Background papers for Members are available from [alistair.maclellan@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:alistair.maclellan@cityoflondon.gov.uk) on request.

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