

Committee: Policy and Resources	Date: 19 May 2016
Subject: Nominations to London Councils	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

1. The City of London Corporation currently nominates a number of representatives to serve on various London Councils committees and to act as the lead Member for particular service areas. Nominations are filled by the Chairmen for the time being of the most relevant City Corporation Committee for the area of activity or interest. For example, the Chairman of the Police Committee is nominated as the City Corporation's lead for Crime and Public Protection.
2. The principle used to make nominations to London Councils was approved by the Court of Common Council in 2000 and works well. Notwithstanding this, it is considered good practice for principles such as this to be reviewed periodically to ensure that they are still fit for purpose.

Recommendation

3. Members are recommended to endorse the overriding principle of nominating the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant Committee to serve on London Councils committees and to act as lead Member for a particular area of work as follows:-

Leaders' Committee - Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee with a Deputy Chairman as named deputy;

Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment Committee) – Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee, with the Chairman of Port Health and Environment Committee and the Deputy Chairmen of both these committees serving as the named deputies.

Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants Committee) - Chairman of the City Bridge Trust Committee, with the Deputy Chairman as named deputy.

Pensions CIV (Common Investment Vehicle) Sectoral Joint Committee – Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Chairman of the Financial Investment Board as the Deputy.

Lead Member for Children and Young People - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Lead Member for Employment and Skills – Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

Lead Member for Crime and Public Protection - Chairman of the Police Committee.

Lead Member for Culture and Tourism – Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.

Lead Member for Economic Development and Regeneration - Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee.

Lead Member for Housing - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Lead Member for Health and Adult Services - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Lead Member for Planning – Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Main Report

Background

1. The City of London Corporation currently nominates a number of representatives to serve on London Councils committees and to act as the lead Member for a particular service area on an annual basis. In 2000 the Court of Common Council agreed that these nominations should be filled by the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant Committee. For example, the Chairman of the Police Committee would be nominated as the City Corporation's Lead Member for Crime and Public Protection and the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee as the Lead Member for Housing and for Health and Adult Services.
2. Whilst the overriding principle of nominations being filled by the Chairmen for the time being of the most relevant Committee works well it is good practice for principles such as this to be reviewed periodically to ensure that they are still fit for purpose. The principle was last reviewed by this Committee in 2011.
3. The City Corporation currently nominates representatives to serve on London Councils principal committees namely the Leaders', Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment), and the Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants) Committees. For consultation purposes the City Corporation also provides London Council with details of the Lead Member for the service areas referred to below:-

- Children and Young People
- Economic Development/Regeneration
- Crime and Public Protection
- Culture and Tourism
- Health and Adult Services
- Housing; and
- Planning

Nominations for London Councils Committee Appointments

4. Based on the principle agreed by the Court in 2000 of the nominations being filled by the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant City Corporation Committee, Members are asked to consider and endorse nominations to serve on London Councils committees as follows:-
 - i) Leaders' Committee - Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee with a Deputy Chairman as named deputy. This follows past practice and seems sensible given the City Corporation does not operate a cabinet or executive system; and
 - ii) Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants Committee) - Chairman of the City Bridge Trust Committee, with the Deputy Chairman as named deputy. Again this follows past practice and seems sensible. Consideration has previously been given to whether this should be the Chairman of the Finance Grants Sub-Committee but the scale of grant giving of the Sub-Committee is significantly lower than that of the City Bridge Trust.
 - iii) Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment Committee) (TEC) – Chairman of Planning and Transportation. This area of work falls predominantly within the Planning and Transportation Committee's remit. The City Corporation is entitled to nominate one voting Member and up to four named deputies to serve on the TEC. The Deputies are the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee (first deputy) and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.
 - iv) Pensions CIV (Common Investment Vehicle) Sectoral Joint Committee – Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee with Chairman of the Financial Investment Board as Deputy. This is a relatively new Committee which was created following the establishment of a London Local Government Pensions Scheme Collective Investment Vehicle which the City Corporation participates in.

Nominations for Lead Member

5. As part of its decision making process London Councils is keen to have the ability to consult and liaise with lead Members in certain policy areas on matters of major importance. The same principle for nominating representatives to serve

on London Council Committees is applied to Lead Member nominations. Members are asked to consider and endorse these nominations as follows:-

Children and Young People - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Crime and Public Protection - Chairman of the Police Committee.

Culture and Tourism - Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee

Economic Development and Regeneration - Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee.

Housing - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Health and Adult Services - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Lead Member for Planning – Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Audit Committee

6. It should be noted that, whilst not a City Corporation nomination, it has become customary for the Chairman of the Finance Committee to serve on London Council's Audit Committee. Appointments to this Committee are not made directly by the London boroughs or the City Corporation but are instead made by London Council's Leaders Committee.

Conclusion

7. The overriding principle agreed by the Court in 2000 of nominating the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant City Corporation Committee to serve on London Councils committees or be the named lead Member remains a sensible basis on which to proceed. Views are nevertheless welcome on whether any changes need to be made.

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