

<b>Committee(s)</b> Education Board	<b>Dated:</b> 20 July 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Appointment of governors to new schools' local governing bodies	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

Another five academies will be joining the City of London Academies Trust (the Trust) in September this year. This report asks Members to note the local governing body membership of the new academies joining the Trust, as approved by the Trust Board on 5 July 2017. It also asks Members to approve the Chairman of each local governing body, as per the Sponsorship Agreement between the City of London Corporation and the Trust.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the City of London Academies Trust Board approved the appointment of Trust Governors on the local governing bodies of the Trust's new schools, as per Appendix 1.
- Approve the Chairmen of each local governing body, as per the Sponsorship Agreement
- Note that a Chairman is still being sought for the City of London Academy Highgate Hill.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Another five schools will be joining the City of London Academies Trust (the Trust) in September. Interim local governing bodies have been in place to ensure the schools continue to operate with the oversight of strong governance structures. The interim local governing bodies needed to be made permanent before the start of the 2017 academic year in September.
2. The Articles of Association provide that membership and proceedings of local governing bodies will be determined by the Trustees. The Sponsorship Agreement between the City Corporation as Sponsor and the Trust requires that the Trustees consult with the City when appointing local governing bodies under Article 100 of the Trust's Articles of Association. It also notes that the membership of local governing bodies must be notified to the City Corporation, and that the Chairman of every local governing body must be approved by the City Corporation.

3. Education Board Members were invited to provide nominees at its meeting on 25 May 2017, and were invited to nominate candidates via email. Candidates were also sought from SGOSS.

### **Current Position**

4. A report went to the Trust Board on 5 July with proposed membership for the five new local governing bodies. The Trust approved the report. All governors were appointed for a term of three years, officially commencing on 31 August 2017.

### **Proposal**

5. The report asks Members to note the membership of the new academies' local governing bodies as approved by the Trust Board in Appendix 1. These tables also include a column outlining each person's skill set. Highbury Grove's governors will complete their skills audit at their next local governing body meeting.
6. The report also asks Members to approve the Chairman of the local governing bodies, as per the Sponsorship Agreement.
7. Parent and staff governors will be elected by each local governing body, and are not appointed by the Trust Board. A Chairman for the City of London Academy Highgate Hill is also still being sought.

### **Conclusion**

8. At its meeting on 5 July, the Trust Board approved the membership of the local governing bodies of its new academies joining in September this year. Members are asked to note the membership of the local governing bodies, and to approve the Chairman, as per the Sponsorship Agreement. The report also asks Members to note that a Chairman is still being sought for the City of London Academy Highgate Hill.

### **Appendices [See Supplementary Pack]**

- Appendix 1 – Tables of governors appointed to new schools' local governing bodies.

### **Background Papers**

- Education Board paper and minutes: City of London Academies Trust Local Governing Body governance structures, and appointing governors

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