

<b>Committee(s)</b> Policy and Resources	<b>Dated:</b> 21 September 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Appointment of City of London Corporation Governor to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>
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### **Summary**

This report sets out the background to the appointment of external candidates to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London and recommends that nominee, Sonita Alleyne, is appointed as a City of London Corporation Governor of the Museum of London.

### **Recommendation(s)**

Members are asked to approve the appointment of Sonita Alleyne as a City of London Corporation Governor of the Museum of London for a four year term commencing 1 October 2017 and concluding 30 September 2021.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. Under the provisions of the Greater London Authority Act 2007, the Greater London Authority and the City of London Corporation each appoint nine Governors to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London. Of the City's nine appointments, current convention is that six are elected by the Court of Common Council and three are external appointments.
2. The Court of Common Council has delegated authority to the Policy and Resources Committee to appoint external candidates to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London. External candidates appointed to the Board of Governors by the City of London Corporation are typically appointed for terms of four years.

#### **Current Position**

3. A vacancy has arisen on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London as a result of former Governor, Dominic Reid's term coming to an end. The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Museum of London has asked the City of London Corporation to endorse the special nomination of Sonita Alleyne.
4. Sonita Alleyne was sits on the UK Culture Committee for UNESCO and contributes to the Government Department of Work and Pensions as a member of London Skills and Employment Board and the National Employment Panel. Ms Alleyne was previously the CEO of Somethin' Else, a music publicity business,

producing content for the BBC and commercial radio. A more detailed CV is available on request.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

5. The Town Clerk has consulted with the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Museum of London, and the Director of the Museum of London on the current vacancy for the City Corporation-appointed governor. The Chairman believes Ms Alleyne will bring a fresh perspective and insight from her digital broadcasting background.

### **Conclusion**

6. In line with current convention, it is recommended that Sonita Alleyne is appointed as a City of London Corporation Governor of the Museum of London for a four year term ending 30 September 2021.

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