

Report – Education Board

Appointments to the City of London Academies Trust

To be presented on Thursday, 12th October 2017

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

Due to a potential conflict of interest, the current Chairman of the Education Board has not taken up the role of Company Member and Trustee¹ of the City of London Academies Trust. However it has not been possible to make an appointment in the room of the Education Board Chairman as the January 2016 resolution of the Court is explicit that the Education Board Chairman should perform both of these roles. Therefore it is recommended that the January 2016 resolution should be adjusted to permit a representative to be appointed to those roles in the room of any Member who is not able to serve.

RECOMMENDATION

The Court of Common Council is **recommended** to:

- amend the January 2016 resolution of the Court of Common Council to permit a representative/nominee of the Chairman/Deputy Chairman of the Policy Committee and the Education Board to serve as Company Member/Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust where the original candidate is not able to serve.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. At the meeting of the Court of Common Council on 14 January 2016, it was resolved that the following appointments be made to the City of London Academies Trust.
 - a. Up to four Company Members, to be the Chairman and a Deputy Chairman of the Policy Committee, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board.
 - b. Up to six Directors/Trustees to consist of two Directors/Trustees nominated by the Policy Committee, two Directors/Trustees nominated by the Education Board, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board.

¹ Company Members are responsible for safeguarding the ethos and objects of a company: they have the power to appoint and remove Company Trustees. Trustees are responsible for carrying out the business of the Trust e.g. the management of its academies.

- c. The City of London Corporation be appointed as a corporate members with the Town Clerk appointed for that purpose.

Current Position

- 2. The current Chairman of the Education Board has been unable to take up an appointment with the City of London Academies Trust due to a potential conflict of interest with an existing role with another academy trust.
- 3. Therefore, to allow for a City Corporation Member to be appointed in the room of the Education Board Chairman and to introduce some flexibility into the appointments to the City of London Academies Trust more generally, it is proposed that the January 2016 resolution of the Court of Common Council be amended (**amendments in bold**) to,
 - a. Up to four Company Members, to be:
 - i. the Chairman and a Deputy Chairman of the Policy Committee, **or their representatives,**
 - ii. the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board, **or their representatives.**
 - b. Up to six Directors/Trustees, to consist of:
 - i. two Directors/Trustees nominated by the Policy Committee,
 - ii. two Directors/Trustees nominated by the Education Board,
 - iii. the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board **or their representatives.**
 - c. The City of London Corporation be appointed as a corporate members with the Town Clerk appointed for that purpose.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 14th day of September 2017.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Chairman, Education Board