

Committee(s)	Dated:
Policy and Resources Committee	22 February 2018
Subject: Museum of London Governors' Terms of Office	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

1. The Board of Governors of the Museum of London is comprised of 18 Governors, nine are appointed by the Greater London Authority and nine by the City of London Corporation. However, GLA appointed Governors serve for a maximum period of eight years where as City Corporation Governors can be re-appointed to the Board indefinitely.
2. The Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Board of Governors of the Museum considered this as part of the Board of Governors' Code of Practice and was of the view that the terms of office of City Corporation Governors should mirror those of GLA. The Board of Governors of the Museum of London supported this assertion and agreed that, in order to ensure the regular change of Board members, the terms of office for all Museum Governors should be a maximum of two terms/eight years with the option for an extension in exceptional circumstances.

Recommendation

3. Members are asked to consider and approve the proposed Terms of Office for City of London Corporation appointed Governors to be set at a maximum of two terms/eight years with the option for an extension in exceptional circumstances (as set out in Section C 1.1 of the Museum of London's Code of Practice see **Appendix 1**).

Main Report

1. The City of London Corporation and the Greater London Authority both appoint nine governors each to serve on the Board of Governors of the Museum. The GLA Act of 2007 specifies that the terms of office of GLA appointed Governors to be a period of "not more than four years". GLA Governors can therefore serve a period of four years which can be renewed for a further four year period.

2. Currently, this means that GLA appointed Governors serve for a maximum period of eight years, whilst City Corporation Governors can be re-appointed to the Board indefinitely.
3. At the 16 November 2017 meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, a Sub-Committee of the Board of Governors of the Museum of London, the Board of Governors' Code of Practice was considered and the anomaly noted. It was therefore suggested that the terms of office of City Corporation Governors mirror those of GLA appointed Governors. This was supported by the Board of Governors of the Museum of London. It agreed that in order to ensure the regular change of Board members, the terms of office for all Museum Governors should be a maximum of two terms/eight years with the option for an extension in exceptional circumstances.
4. The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to consider the proposal to rectify the anomaly and agree to City Corporation appointed Governors serving for a maximum of two terms of four years, with an application being made to in exceptional circumstances if a City Corporation appointed Governor was required to serve a longer term of office.
5. The proposed changes are included as tracked changes in the extract from the Museum of London's Code of Practice (Page 18, Section C, 1.1), attached as **Appendix 1**.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Page 18, Section C, 1.1 of the Museum of London's Code of Practice

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SECTION C FUNCTIONING OF THE BOARD

1. Introduction

1.1 There are eighteen Governors: nine appointed by the GLA and nine by the COLC. (From the nine City of London Corporation appointments, up to three can be appointments made from outside of the Court of Common Council, including one appointment representing London Councils). The GLA and the COLC can appoint Governors to serve for up to four years and Governors are eligible for re-appointment of one additional term of up to four years. In exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the appointing bodies, the terms of office of a Governor may be extended beyond eight years. They appoint their Chairperson from among themselves. Appointments to the Museum of London Board of Governors are made in accordance with the processes of the GLA and City of London Corporation respectively.