

Committee(s): Policy and Resources Committee	Date(s): 7 June 2018
Subject: Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties	Public
Report of: The Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

At the 3 May 2018 meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee, it was agreed that two new Working Parties should be established, viz. the Members' Diversity Working Party and the Financial Assistance Working Party. As part of their establishment, it was agreed that a number of vacancies on each would be opened up to the wider Court for expressions of interest, with appointments to be made at the 7 June 2018 Policy and Resources Committee meeting. This report sets out the nominations received and asks Members to consider appointments accordingly.

In addition, this report outlines two vacancies on the Investment Committee which need to be filled, as well as one on the Outside Bodies Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to consider the various appointments to be made.

Main Report

Members Financial Assistance Working Party (MFAWP)

1. At its April 2018 meeting, the Committee supported a review of the financial loss scheme. It was agreed that, rather than this being undertaken independently, a Working Party should be created to review the Scheme and to also examine what additional assistance could be given to Members to support them in conducting their duties as elected Members the City of London Corporation.
2. Subsequently, the Committee approved the creation of a Members Financial Assistance Working Party at its May meeting, with its terms of reference being *"to undertake a review of the Members' Financial Loss Scheme to ensure that it is fit for purpose and to establish whether any further assistance should be established to support Members with the delivery of their duties as elected Members of the City Corporation."*
3. The composition of the Working Party was agreed as follows:
 - The Chairman and named Deputy Chairman or one of the Vice Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee

- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee
 - The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Alderman or his/her representative
 - The Chief Commoner
 - The Town Clerk
 - two Members appointed by the Policy and Resources Committee from the wider Court.
4. The **two** places for appointment from amongst the wider Court were advertised and the following expressions of interest have been received:
- Sophie Fernandes
 - William Upton
5. Members are therefore asked to consider the appointment of two Members to the Working Party.

Members' Diversity Working Party

6. The Policy and Resources Committee has been looking at ways in which to enhance the diversity of the Court of Common Council since 2015. A number of activities have been perused during that time and, recently, more in-depth work has been undertaken in relation to the potential remuneration of Members and possible changes to the timing of committee. The question of what more could be done to improve diversity was raised again at a meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee earlier this year and a number of suggestions made.
7. To help shape some of these ideas it was agreed that the Members' Diversity Working Party should be established, with its terms of reference being: "To consider and make recommendations to help promote the merits of standing for office as a Member to enhance the diversity of the Court of Common Council, to represent better its constituency".
8. The composition was agreed as follows:
- The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee or his/her representative
 - The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen or his/her representative
 - The Chief Commoner
 - The Immediate past Chief Commoner *
 - The Chairman of the Establishment Committee
 - Six Members appointed by the Policy and Resources Committee from the wider Court
 - Together with co-option by the Working Party of up to two external people (with no voting rights).

**For part of the year and then the Chief Commoner Designate for the remainder of the year (elected in October each year)*

9. The **six** places for appointment from amongst the wider Court were advertised and the following expressions of interest have been received:

- Munsur Ali
- Rehana Ameer
- Tjis Broeke
- Henry Colthurst
- Mary Durcan
- Emma Edhem
- Anne Fairweather
- Alison Gowman
- Ann Holmes
- Shravan Joshi
- Dhruv Patel

10. Members are therefore asked to consider the appointment of six Members to the Working Party.

Investment Committee

11. Fourteen Members of the Investment Committee are elected by the Court. In addition to this, the Policy and Resources Committee appoints **eight** Members to serve on it from amongst all Members of the Court.

12. Two of the Members appointed to serve as Policy representatives at your last meeting were subsequently elected to longer-terms by the Court of Common Council. This followed two Court vacancies having arisen unexpectedly, as a consequence of resignations from the Committee. The two affected Members are Alderman Peter Hewitt and Andrien Meyers.

13. There are therefore two vacancies to be filled by the Policy and Resources Committee. Expressions of interest have been sought from the wider Court and the deadline for nominations is 5 June. Your Committee will be advised of the position after this time and asked to make appointments accordingly.

Outside Bodies Sub-Committee

14. As with the two aforementioned Investment Committee vacancies, a vacancy has arisen on the Outside Bodies Sub-Committee as a consequence of Deputy Tom Hoffman (previously a P&R appointee) having subsequently been elected to a full term by the Court of Common Council.

15. Again, expressions of interest have been sought and Members will be advised in advance of the meeting as to the position and whether a ballot is required.

Conclusion

16. Members are asked to consider the various vacancies set out in respect of the Members Financial Assistance Working Party, the Members' Diversity Working Party, the Investment Committee and the Outside Bodies Sub-Committee, and make appointments accordingly.

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