

Report – Standards Committee

Co-opted Member Appointments

To be presented on Thursday, 19th July 2018

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

SUMMARY

The terms of office of two current Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee expire in December 2018. Although both Co-optees are eligible for reappointment for a second and final four-year term of office, it is proposed that one reappointment be for a three-year period at this stage, in order to better regulate the terms of office of the Co-optee members of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Court of Common Council be recommended to reappoint Dan Large and Mark Greenburgh as Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee, for a four-year and a three-year term of office respectively, to commence from the expiry of their current terms in December 2018.

MAIN REPORT

1. The principal function of the Standards Committee is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and Co-opted Members of the City of London Corporation, to assist Members and Co-opted Members to observe the City of London Corporation's Code of Conduct and to deal with any allegations of breach of the City of London Corporation's Code of Conduct in respect of Members and Co-opted Members.
2. Following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, this Committee (with the Court of Common Council's subsequent approval), determined that the Committee's composition should continue to include four Co-opted Members (with no voting rights) who must not be Members of the Court of Common Council or employees of the City of London Corporation. There is currently a long-standing vacancy for one Co-opted Member of the Committee.
3. Previous recruitment initiatives for Co-opted Members resulted in the appointment of Judith Barnes in 2013 and Mark Greenburgh and Dan Large in 2014. Prospective Co-opted Members are asked to demonstrate:-
 - an understanding of the role and objectives of the City of London Corporation;
 - community or business experience (preferably, you will either have lived or worked in the City for a number of years);

- an insight into and understanding of the demands and pressures placed on individuals in public service;
 - the ability to think logically and in an impartial manner;
 - an understanding of the Nolan Principles of Public Life: selflessness; integrity;
 - objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty and leadership;
 - good questioning skills;
 - the ability to attend any meetings that are necessary for the conduct of business associated with the local Standards regime; and
 - a legal background (whilst useful this is not essential).
4. Mark Greenburgh and Dan Large both complete four-year terms of office in December 2018 and have confirmed their willingness to serve a further term. As the Committee's terms of reference provide for a maximum of eight years' membership, any reappointment could be for a maximum of a further four-year period.
5. In order to stagger the terms of office of Co-opted Members, in accordance with views put forward by Committee Members previously, it is proposed that the Court of Common Council be recommended to reappoint Mark Greenburgh and Dan Large after their current terms of office expire in December 2018, with Mr Greenburgh to be for a three-year period at this stage until December 2021, and Mr Large to be appointed for a second and final four-year period expiring in December 2022.
6. Mark Greenburgh:
- Solicitor and Higher Rights Advocate of 18 years standing;
 - Specialises in Employment, Equalities and Governance in Public Sector Bodies;
 - Freeman of the City of London and Liveryman of the Solicitors Livery Company;
 - Elected member of the City of London Law Society Employment Law Committee;
 - Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts;
 - A member of Buckinghamshire County Council from 1993 to 2001 and Leader of the Majority Group 1997 to 2001;
 - Resident of Hackney, E8.
7. Dan Large:
- Company Director of two public relations firms;
 - Director and Trustee of the Riverside Trust Limited (a registered arts charity and arts centre in London);

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations, a Chartered Public Relations Practitioner and a Member of the Public Relations Consultants' Association;
 - Former member of the Professional Practices Committee, Chartered Institute of Public Relations;
 - Freeman and Court Assistant of the Company of Public Relations Practitioners;
 - Freeman of the City of London;
 - Has served on a variety of standards-focussed committees over recent years, including the Disciplinary Appeals Panel of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, the Independent Monitoring Board of HMP Wormwood Scrubs, and the Professional Practices Committee of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations;
 - Has worked regularly with local authorities, the Department for Communities & Local Government, the Electoral Commission and the Parliamentary standards regime in his professional capacity as a political adviser;
 - A member of the British German Forum Advisory Board (Wilton Park / FCO).
8. Judith Barnes was recently reappointed as a Co-opted Member of the Committee until March 2022 under urgency provisions and the proposed reappointments of Mark Greenburgh and Dan Large would leave one outstanding vacancy for a Co-opted Member on the Committee.
9. Now that the Standards Regime Review is complete and the Committee's constitution effectively settled, we have therefore instructed the Town Clerk to undertake a further recruitment exercise to fill this vacancy and, under the approved processes for this, to convene an Appointment and Selection Panel (established by the Court in 2000 and comprising the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen, the Chief Commoner and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Standards Committee, or their representatives) to consider applicants, before reporting back to us with a recommendation that an appointment be made by the Court of Common Council.

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

DATED this 18th day of May 2018.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge
Chairman, Standards Committee