

<b>Committee:</b> Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama	<b>Date:</b> 13 May 2019
<b>Subject:</b> Amendments to Instruments & Articles of Government	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Principal	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

The School is now a registered Higher Education Provider with the Office for Students (OfS). Under the new regulatory framework established by the Higher Education & Research Act 2017, the School's Instrument & Articles no longer need the approval of the Privy Council; the Court of Common Council has the final approval.

However, whilst the OfS does not approve the governing document, it does require the School to:

*“continue to meet the definition of ‘an English higher education provider’ and must demonstrate that it satisfies the ongoing general conditions of registration applicable to the category of the Register in which it is registered.”*

One of the ongoing conditions of registration is:

*“Condition E1: The provider’s governing documents must uphold the public interest governance principles that are applicable to the provider.”*

Further information can be found at:

[https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/1406/ofs2018\\_01.pdf](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/1406/ofs2018_01.pdf)

Any changes to the School's governance arrangements would be a “reportable event” to the OfS.

The School's Instrument and Articles have been amended to remove reference to the Privy Council and HEFCE. There is also a minor amendment to the Students' Union members of the Board to maximise the opportunity for the student interest to be represented at every Board meeting [this was a recommendation for the February 2018 meeting of the Governance & Effectiveness Committee].

## **Recommendation**

Members are asked to approve for recommendation to the Court of Common Council minor amendments to the School's Instrument & Articles of Government.

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