

<b>Committee:</b> Education Board	<b>Date(s):</b> 14112019
<b>Subject:</b> City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees: Reappointment of Sponsor Trustee	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>
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### **Summary**

The Articles of Association of the City of London Academies Trust specify under Article 50 that as Sponsor, the City of London Corporation may appoint up to six individuals to serve as Sponsor Trustees on the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees.

The Education Board agreed the appointment of Roy Blackwell to the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a four year term commencing 14 January 2016 that is due to end on 13 January 2020. It is requested that the Education Board consider the reappointment of Mr Blackwell as a Sponsor Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a further four year term commencing 14 January 2020.

### **Recommendation**

The Education Board is asked to consider the reappointment of Roy Blackwell as a Sponsor Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a further four year term commencing 14 January 2020.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. The Articles of Association of the City of London Academies Trust specify under Article 50 that as Sponsor, the City of London Corporation may appoint up to six individuals to serve as Sponsor Trustees on the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees. When making appointments under Article 50, the Sponsor is required to have regard to the need for the Board of Trustees to have a balance of skills and experience and to appoint suitably qualified individuals who support the purposes of the Academy Trust and can commit the time necessary to fulfil the role of Trustee.
2. Roy Blackwell was appointed to the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a four year term commencing 14 January 2016 that is due to end on 13 January 2020. Mr Blackwell has expressed a willingness to stand for reappointment as a Sponsor Trustee of the Board of Trustees for a further four year term. Since his last appointment to the Board of Trustees, Mr Blackwell has attended 15 out of a possible 18 meetings.

3. Roy Blackwell was recently appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the 2019/20 academic year, is a Member of the Standards and Accountability Committee and is the designated Trustee for Safeguarding. Mr Blackwell has provided a short statement in support of his candidature which is set out in Appendix 1.
4. Andrew McMurtrie, Chairman of the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees has been consulted and supports the reappointment of Roy Blackwell as a Sponsor Trustee of the Board of Trustees.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Trustee Statement

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**TRUSTEE STATEMENT**

Roy Blackwell is CEO of a charitable foundation which administers five schools: three independent and two state academies. He was a Member of the City of London Corporation's Education Board and is currently Vice-Chair of its Academy Trust and Chair of Governors of its Highgate Hill academy.

He is also

- Vice Chair of the Confederation of School Trusts, a national body promoting and supporting such groups;
- Chair of the VOCES8 Foundation, a music charity working in schools, especially those in deprived areas;
- Trustee of the Challenger Trust which promotes character education; and,
- Middle Warden of the Worshipful Company of Educators.