

Committee: Policy and Resources	Date: 07 May 2020
Subject: Nominations to London Councils	Public
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Summary

1. The City of London Corporation currently nominates a number of representatives to serve on various London Councils committees and to act as the lead Member for particular service areas. Nominations are filled by the Chairmen for the time being of the most relevant City Corporation Committee for the area of activity or interest. For example, the Chairman of the Police Committee is nominated as the City Corporation's lead for Crime and Public Protection.
2. The principle used to make nominations to London Councils was approved by the Court of Common Council in 2000 and continues to work well. Notwithstanding this, it is considered good practice for principles such as this to be reviewed periodically to ensure that they are still fit for purpose. London Councils has asked that returns for this year be provided by 22 May 2020.

Recommendation

3. Members are recommended to endorse the overriding principle of nominating the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant Committee to serve on London Councils committees and to act as lead Member for a particular area of work as follows:-

Leaders' Committee - Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee with a Deputy/Vice Chair as named deputy.

Transport and Environment Committee – Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee, with the Chairman of Port Health and Environment Committee and the Deputy Chairmen of both these committees serving as the named deputies.

Grants Committee - Chairman of the City Bridge Trust Committee, with the Deputy Chairman as named deputy.

Greater London Employment Forum – Chair of the Establishment Committee.

Lead Member for Children and Young People - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Lead Member for Skills and Employment – Chair of Policy & Resources

Lead Member for Economic Development/Business – Chair of Policy & Resources

Lead Member for Crime and Public Protection - Chairman of the Police Authority Board.

Lead Member for Arts/Culture, Tourism, Sport and Leisure – Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.

Lead Member for Housing & Regeneration - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Lead Member for Health and Social Care including Adult Services - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Lead Member for Planning/Infrastructure/Development – Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Lead Member for Finance and Corporate Services – Chairman of Finance

Main Report

Background

1. The City of London Corporation currently nominates a number of representatives to serve on London Councils committees and to act as the lead Member for a particular service area on an annual basis. In 2000 the Court of Common Council agreed that these nominations should be filled by the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant Committee. For example, the Chairman of the Police Committee would be nominated as the City Corporation's Lead Member for Crime and Public Protection and the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee as the Lead Member for Housing and for Health and Adult Services.
2. Whilst the overriding principle of nominations being filled by the Chairmen for the time being of the most relevant Committee works well it is good practice for principles such as this to be reviewed periodically to ensure that they are still fit for purpose. The principle for nominations was last reviewed by this Committee in 2016.
3. The City Corporation currently nominates representatives to serve on London Councils' principal committees namely the Leaders', Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment), the Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants) Committees. It is also asked to nominate a Member to serve on the Greater London Employment Forum (such appointment usually being the Member with lead responsibilities for HR issues). For consultation purposes the City Corporation also provides London Council with details of the Lead Member for the service areas referred to below:-

- Children and Young People/Safeguarding
- Economic Development/Business
- Crime and Public Protection
- Arts/Culture, Tourism, Sport and Leisure
- Finance and Corporate Services
- Skills and Employment
- Health and Social Care including Adult Services
- Housing & Regeneration; and
- Planning/Infrastructure/Development

Nominations for London Councils Committee Appointments

4. Based on the principle agreed by the Court in 2000 of the nominations being filled by the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant City Corporation Committee, Members are asked to consider and endorse nominations to serve on London Councils committees as follows:-
 - i) Leaders' Committee - Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee with a Deputy/Vice Chair as named deputy. This follows past practice and seems sensible given the City Corporation does not operate a cabinet or executive system.
 - ii) Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants Committee) - Chairman of the City Bridge Trust Committee, with the Deputy Chairman as named deputy. Again, this follows past practice and seems sensible.
 - iii) Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment Committee) (TEC) – Chair of Planning and Transportation. This area of work falls predominantly within the Planning and Transportation Committee's remit. The City Corporation is entitled to nominate one voting Member and up to four named deputies to serve on the TEC. The Deputies are the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee (usually the first deputy) and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.
5. Greater London Employment Forum (GLEF) - Each authority (including the City of London Corporation) can also nominate one member to sit on the Greater London Employment Forum (GLEF). It is expected that in most cases this will be the Member responsible for human resources issues within the authority. The Chair of the Establishment Committee is therefore proposed.

Nominations for Lead Member

6. As part of its decision-making process London Councils is keen to have the ability to consult and liaise with lead Members in certain policy areas on matters of major importance. The same principle for nominating representatives to serve on London Council Committees is applied to Lead Member nominations. Members are asked to consider and endorse these nominations as follows:-

Children and Young People/Safeguarding - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Crime and Public Protection - Chairman of the Police Authority Board.

Arts/Culture, Tourism, Sport and Leisure - Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee

Economic Development / Business - Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee.

Skills and Employment – Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee.

Health and Social Care including Adult Services - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Housing and Regeneration - Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Planning/Infrastructure/Development – Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Finance and Corporate Services – Chairman of Finance.

Capital Ambition, Audit Committee and Young People Education and Skills Board

7. London Councils also has an Audit Committee and hosts a Capital Ambition Member Board and the Young People Education and Skills Board. Appointments to these bodies are made by the Leaders Committee following nominations from the party groups and not directly by the London boroughs or the City Corporation. Similarly, the lead Member for Digital is appointed from amongst the party groups. It should be noted that, in the past, it has been customary for the Chairman of the Finance Committee to serve on London Council's Audit Committee.

Conclusion

8. The overriding principle agreed by the Court in 2000 of nominating the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant City Corporation Committee to serve on London Councils committees or be the named lead Member remains a sensible basis on which to proceed. Views are nevertheless welcome on whether any changes need to be made.

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