

Committee: Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama	Date: 18 th May 2020
Subject: Report of Action Taken – Delegated Decision taken since the last meeting of the Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of a delegated decision taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(b)

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Co-optees to the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama

Background:

At the last meeting of the Board on 17th February 2020, Governors agreed that, upon the recommendation of the Board's Remuneration & Nominations Committee, authority to appoint two successful candidates to the Board's co-opted membership be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Board.

Four candidates were interviewed on 29 January 2020 by the Chairman of the Board of Governors - Vivienne Littlechild; the Principal - Lynne Williams and Co-opted Member - Professor Geoffrey Crossick. The following candidates were recommended to the Remuneration and Nominations Committee:

- **Paula Haynes** - Managing Director and European Chief Risk Officer for Stifel Financial Corporation, who brings valuable skills to the Board in the areas of financial management and audit and risk.
- **Neil Greenwood** - Director of Finance and Corporate Services at the Natural History Museum, who has financial skills and strong links to the arts and heritage sector

Consultation with Members of the Remuneration and Nominations Committee:

Due to revised arrangements in respect of City Corporation Sub Committees in response to the Covid-19 crisis, the Remuneration and Nominations Committee scheduled for 30th April 2020 was cancelled. Members of the Remuneration & Nominations Committee were, therefore, asked to consider the two candidates on an informal basis, so that their feedback could inform the delegated decision. This would ensure that, if successful, the candidates could join the 'virtual' Board Meeting scheduled for 18th May 2020. All feedback received was very positive and both candidates attended the Board Away Day on 2 March 2020 to learn more about the Board.

ACTION TAKEN:

Having considered the positive feedback from Members of the Remuneration and Nominations Committee, the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, confirmed the appointment of Paula Haynes and Neil Greenwood to the Board.

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