

Capital Buildings Committee

Extension of the current Chairman's term

To be presented on Thursday, 4th March, 2021

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

SUMMARY

In accordance with Standing Order 29(2) the Chairman of Capital Buildings Committee is subject to annual re-election and is limited to serving a maximum term of three years.

The current Chairman is now in his third and final year and is not currently eligible to seek election for a fourth year in this position.

Capital Buildings Committee is currently at a critical stage in overseeing the range of projects it is responsible for delivering. Following a recommendation of the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee, Members unanimously agreed that maintaining continuity of leadership would be crucial in guiding the work of the Committee during the next year.

RECOMMENDATION

We consequently **recommend** that the Court of Common Council agree to waive Standing Order No. 29(2) in respect of the Chairmanship of the Capital Buildings Committee for a period of one year, to allow the current Chairman to be eligible to seek a fourth year as Chairman.

MAIN REPORT

Current Position

1. Capital Buildings Committee at its meeting on 13th January 2021 considered a proposal of the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee that the Chairman's term be extended by one additional year into a fourth year. This would allow for continuity of leadership to be maintained during a critical period for the Committee and the major projects it is responsible for overseeing and delivering.
2. Members acknowledged that Capital Buildings Committee was at a critical stage in overseeing the Combined Courts and City of London Police Accommodation Strategy projects and that continuity of leadership on the Committee would be crucial over the next year as the City Corporation works through the Lisvane Review recommendations relating to Governance, which would ultimately establish where the City Corporation goes with all its committee structures.
3. The Chairman of the Committee has indicated that, subject to the Court's approval, he would be willing to stand for a fourth year.

4. The Committee believe that an extension would offer significant advantages in retaining the knowledge the current Chairman would continue to bring to the Committee as it moves forward and works through the major projects it is responsible for overseeing and delivering.
5. Policy and Resources Committee considered at its meeting on 18th February 2021 a resolution of Capital Buildings Committee proposing an extension to the Chairman's term by one additional year and the recommendation was fully supported.
6. The Court is being asked to agree to the waiver of Standing Order No. 29(2) to enable the current Chairman to stand for a fourth year. Whilst this arrangement would be outside of Standing Orders, it would allow for the continuity of leadership and knowledge in overseeing the City Corporation's major projects during a period of change over the next year as recommendations from the Lisvane Review are fully implemented.

Recommendation

7. This report asks the Court of Common Council to note the unanimous view of Capital Buildings Committee and the agreement of Policy and Resources Committee that the current Chairman be eligible to serve for one additional year and seeks the Court's approval to suspend Standing Orders to accommodate this.

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

DATED this 13th day of January 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Sir Michael Snyder
Chairman, Capital Buildings Committee