

Protocol for co-option to the Financial Investment Board and the Property Investment Board

1. The Financial Investment Board and the Property Investment Board are empowered to co-opt people with relevant expertise or experience, including non-Members of the Court of Common Council, to assist in their deliberations.
2. The arrangements for co-option and the co-opted membership of individuals to the Financial Investment Board and the Property Investment Board will be reviewed on an annual basis at the May meeting of the Investment Committee (and thereafter at the first meetings of the respective Boards).
3. Whilst being conscious of expertise and any required skill sets, Members should consider the gender (sex) and ethnic mix of the relevant Board when proposing co-options, and should seek to introduce new and talented people, from diverse backgrounds, who could make a contribution to the work of the Boards.
4. Members of the Court of Common Council can be co-opted to the Financial Investment Board or the Property Investment Board by agreement of the relevant Board, following proposal of the co-option at a meeting of the Board.
5. When suggesting external individuals with relevant expertise or experience for co-option, Members of the Financial Investment Board or the Property Investment Board will be required to:-
 - a. send a written request for co-option to the Town Clerk, specifying whom it is proposed should be co-opted to either the Financial Investment Board or the Property Investment Board and the reasons for their co-option;
 - b. send a CV or supporting statement, for the individual being suggested for co-option, to the Town Clerk. Bearing in mind the Board's terms of reference, the letter and supporting statement or CV should demonstrate the individual's relevant skills and experience.
6. For the Standards Committee, is it considered inappropriate for past Members of the Court of Common Council or former City Corporation employees to be eligible to serve as [independent] outside members and Members will need to consider if the same conditions should apply in respect of co-option to the Financial Investment Board or the Property Investment Board. It would be inappropriate for a close friend or relative of any Member or officer to serve or indeed an employee of any organisation of which the City Corporation is a client.
7. The Town Clerk will consult the relevant Chief Officer to discuss the co-option request and will, if necessary, prepare a report for the next meeting of the respective Board. Members of the respective Board will then be asked to consider the co-option request.
8. Unless co-option is time-banded or topic/project restricted, co-opted Members of the Financial Investment or the Property Investment Board will be entitled to attend all meetings of the respective Board for a maximum of 12 months (prior to the annual review in May) and to receive all committee-related documentation, including exempt papers, unless otherwise determined by the Town Clerk in consultation with the relevant Chief Officer.

9. The Financial Investment Board and the Property Investment Board are empowered to approve their own co-opted membership (majority vote) without prior consultation with, or agreement by, the Investment Committee. The Town Clerk will inform the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee once a Board has agreed co-option of an individual.

10. Co-opted Members would not have voting rights.

11. Co-opted Members of the Financial Investment Board or the Property Investment Board will be required to complete a Register of Interest form and declare personal and prejudicial interests when in attendance at meetings.