

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Policy and Resources Committee	16 September 2021
<b>Subject:</b> London Councils Nomination to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	3; 4a-b; 10d
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	No
<b>If so, how much?</b>	N/A
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	N/A
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	N/A
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

This report sets out the background to the appointment of external candidates to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London and recommends a London Councils' nominee, Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz (London Borough of Islington), for appointment as a City of London Corporation Governor of the Museum.

### Recommendation

The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to confirm the appointment of Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz as a City of London Corporation Governor of the Museum of London for a four-year term concluding 15 September 2025.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. Under the provisions of the Greater London Authority Act 2007, the Greater London Authority and the City of London Corporation each appoints nine Governors to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London. Of the City of London Corporation's nine appointments, six are elected by the Court of Common Council and three are external appointments, one of which is made available to London Councils to make a nomination.
2. The Court of Common Council has delegated authority to the Policy and Resources Committee to appoint external candidates to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London. External candidates appointed to the Board of Governors by the City of London Corporation are typically granted terms of four years.

#### Current Position

3. A vacancy has arisen on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London as a result of the London Councils' nominee, Councillor Richard Watts, completing his

appointed term. London Councils has since advised that they wish to nominate Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the room of Councillor Richard Watts.

4. Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz is the Leader of the London Borough of Islington and serves on the London Councils Leaders' Committee. She was first elected to the London Borough of Islington in 2013 and has served on the Council's Executive for six years, most recently as Executive Member for Children, Young People and prior to that, as Executive Member for Community Development, before being appointed Leader of the Council on 20 May 2021. Before joining the London Borough of Islington's Executive, Councillor Comer-Schwartz worked in the charity sector including roles at the Centre for Mental Health, Shelter and The Women's Library.
5. The Town Clerk has consulted with the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Museum of London, the Director of the Museum of London and the Strategic Lead for Enterprise, Economy and Skills at London Councils regarding the current vacancy for a London Councils' nominated City Corporation-appointed Governor.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

6. Strategic implications – None.  
Financial implications – None.  
Resource implications – None.  
Legal implications – None.  
Risk implications – None.  
Equalities implications – None.  
Climate implications – None.  
Security implications – None.

### **Conclusion**

7. A vacancy has arisen on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London for a City of London Corporation Governor. It is recommended that Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz be appointed for a four-year term concluding 15 September 2025 following her nomination by London Councils.

### **Appendices**

- None.

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