

Committee: Education Board	Date: 3 December 2021
Subject: Report of action taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	See Background Reports
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Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the July 2021 meeting of the Board, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

Recommendation

That Members note the actions taken since the last meeting of the Committee.

Main Report

1. Since the last meeting of the Committee, approval has been given under urgency procedures or delegated authority arrangements, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41, as follows: -

Urgent Action: City of London Academy Islington Local Governing Body Appointment

As per the Sponsorship Agreement with CoLAT, the Education Board approve the appointment of Chairs to Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) and are consulted on governor vacancies and notified of governor appointments.

The Chair of Governors is responsible for ensuring the effective functioning of the Governing Body and has a vital role in setting the expectations for the standards of governance. It is the Chair's role to give the Governing Body clear leadership and direction, keeping it focused on its core functions and encouraging the Governing Body to work together as an effective team. In practice, the Chair of Governors will work very closely with the Principal of the school in addressing strategic and operational challenges as well as driving forward a clear vision for continued improvement, exceptional education and the wellbeing and safety of pupils and staff. The Chair of

Governors may make decisions independently where this authority is delegated by the Governing Body.

According to the CoLAT Scheme of Delegations, the appointment of LGB Chairs is considered by the Board of Trustees before being approved by the Education Board. This academic year, the October Education Board meeting was replaced by an Education Board Away Day with the next meeting of Education Board due to occur on 3 December 2021, and therefore the decision was required before the next committee meeting so that the position could be filled with effect from 1 September 2021.

Urgent approval was therefore sought and granted by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board, for the appointment of Russell Willmer as Chair of the City of London Academy Islington LGB.

Conclusion

2. In accordance with Standing Order 41 (a) and 41 (b), Members are asked to note the recent decisions taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman.
3. Copies of background papers concerning this decision are available from Emily Garland on request.

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