

Report – Policy & Resources Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Corrections to Constitutions and Terms of Reference

To be presented on Thursday, 16th June 2022

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

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. On 30th May 2022, the Court of Common Council approved, under urgency procedures, a number of corrections to the Terms of Reference of the Board of Governors of the City of London School and Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.
2. In December 2021, the Court of Common Council approved various changes to its Governance arrangements, on the recommendation of its Policy and Resources Committee. These included particular changes to the three City Schools as "institutional" departments, those three Schools being directed to update their membership arrangements in line with best practice across the independent school sector. This was duly undertaken, and the amendments considered and approved. Due to an administrative error, when the updated arrangements were presented to the Court as part of the White Paper in April 2022, the outdated versions for the City of London School and City of London Freeman's School were left in situ and not replaced with new versions. (The correct version was, however, included in respect of the City of London School for Girls).
3. Specifically, these changes were: the introduction of term limits of 12 years for Governors, a greater term length for Chairs (subject to annual re-election in the usual way), and a reflection of the Chair's additional responsibilities under the Target Operating Model's arrangements for the management of institutions.
4. Approval was granted for this to be corrected and the omitted changes incorporated, together with a consequential reflection of the changes to the Chairs' term limits under Standing Order 29.

RECOMMENDATION

5. We **recommend** that the action taken be noted.

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

DATED this 13th day of May 2022

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Christopher Hayward
Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee