

<b>Committee(s):</b> Policy and Resources – For decision	<b>Dated:</b> 06/07/2023
<b>Subject:</b> Nominating Substitute Members for Outside Bodies on which the Chair Serves (Delegations from the Policy Chairman)	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	8
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<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> Deputy Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

In discharging their role as Chair of Policy and Resources, the Chair represents the City Corporation on several outside bodies. These have accumulated over many years and comprise a variety of different subject areas and roles. For instance, the Chair might serve as a nominated Director or more informally as a member of a bodies’ advisory board.

In recognition of time pressures, especially as many bodies meet at times which conflict with one another or with the Corporation’s Committees, and the positive advantages to be gained from widening the pool of engagement to better reflect the Court expertise, this report recommends permission for the Chair to nominate a Member to be their designated replacement or substitute on different outside bodies. In the first instance the substitute is intended to be the Deputy Chair of Policy, a Vice Chair or a Policy Lead.

A number of potential bodies where this might be achieved has been identified and set out in Appendix 1. Nothing in the Terms of References of these bodies would prevent or preclude Policy and Resources from recommending these changes.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

1. Endorse the proposal to allow for the Chair of Policy and Resources to nominate specific Members to either replace them on an outside body or act as their substitute, as set out in in Annex 1.
2. To delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of Policy and Resources to nominate replacements if any of the nominated individuals are no longer able to fulfil their role due to personal or professional commitments, as well as to make similar appointments to other outside bodies as and if identified throughout the civic year.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The Chair of Policy and Resources sits on a number of outside bodies' board of directors and advisory boards, alongside their extensive committee and other commitments.
2. Often, both the outside bodies and the City Corporation, benefit from the presence of a senior Member of the Corporation at these meetings. However, due to time constraints, it often is not possible for the Chair of Policy and Resources to attend these meetings.

### **Current Position**

3. Currently, when the Chair of Policy and Resources is unable to attend these meetings, either there is no Corporation representation, or an unofficial substitute will be sent in their place. Clearly this is sub-optimal and does not assist the Corporation's ambitions in supporting ongoing relationships with these organisations.

### **Proposal**

4. It is being proposed that where appropriate, the Chair of Policy and Resources nominates a Member to either replace them or be their formal substitute for certain outside bodies.
5. These substitutes should all either be Deputy Chair of Policy and Resources, a Vice Chair of Policy and Resources or a Policy Lead.
6. Each decision to nominate a substitute, and the nature of that substitution, will be taken to Policy and Resources to note.
7. The efficacy of these arrangements will be kept under review and if they prove useful, then consideration may be given to expanding or extending the number of bodies to which this is applied.
8. Similarly, if arrangements are considered to be going well, it is recommended that renewed recommendations are brought to this committee on an annual basis to ensure good governance.
9. In the event that any of the nominated individuals can no longer fulfil their role due to personal or other commitments it is recommended that authority is delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of Policy, in accordance with Standing Order 41b, to make amendments to the list of nominees.
10. Further, to delegate authority to the Town Clerk to, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of Policy, make similar appointments to other outside bodies as and if identified throughout the civic year.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

### **Financial implications**

None

### **Resource implications**

None

### **Legal implications**

None

### **Risk implications**

None

### **Equalities implications**

Under the Equality Act 2010, all public bodies have a duty to ensure that when exercising their functions they have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and to take steps to meet the needs of people with certain protected characteristics where these are different from the needs of other people and encourage people with certain protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low. The proposals contained in this report do not have any potential negative impact on a particular group of people based on their protected characteristics.

### **Climate implications**

None

### **Security implications**

None

## **Conclusion**

11. To maximise the benefits to both outside bodies and the City of London Corporation of having representation on said bodies, it is being proposed that for some outside bodies a formal substitute is appointed when the Policy Chair cannot attend. For others, it is being proposed that an alternate Member is nominated to replace the Policy Chair as CoLC representative on said body.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Table of nominations for replacements and substitutions to outside bodies

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## Appendix 1

### **Table of nominations for replacements and substitutions to outside bodies.**

The Policy Chair has nominated the following Members to be their formal substitute at the following outside bodies:

<b>Board Name / Position</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Nominated Member</b>
Scottish Green & Sustainable Financial Services Taskforce  Taskforce Member	To recommend a nominated substitute to deputise for the Policy Chair	Keith Bottomley, as Policy Lead for Sustainability
Financial Services Skills Committee  Board Member	To change the Corporation's representative from the Policy Chair to the Deputy Policy Chair	Keith Bottomley
Professional & Business Services Council  PBSC Member Representative	To change the Corporation's representative from the Policy Chair to a Vice Chair of Policy	Tijs Broeke
Centre for Finance, Innovation and Technology  Board Member	To change the Corporation's representative from the Policy Chair to the Policy Lead for Innovation and Technology	Madush Gupta
Innovate Finance  Board Observer	To recommend that the Policy Lead for Innovation and Technology join the Board as Observer, and to deputise for the Policy Chair when required	Madush Gupta
Heart of the City  Council Member	To change the Corporation's representative from the Policy Chair to the Policy Lead for SMEs	Paul Singh