

Committee(s): Civic Affairs Sub Committee	Dated: 25/10/2023
Subject: Review of Outside Bodies	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	5, 8, 10
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N
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Summary

The City of London Corporation appoints Members to serve on a large number of outside bodies. It is good practice to review the outside body arrangements which, amongst other things, should include the benefits of City Corporation maintaining nomination rights. As the last comprehensive rules was a number of years ago and is now due for a review.

The purpose of this initial report is to consider the current outside bodies on which the City Corporation is represented (which is attached at Appendix A to this report), and to establish whether our link to the individual outside bodies remains relevant and whether the appointments support the City Corporation's current aims and objectives. Please note that the schedule does not include outside bodies to which the Court of Alderman have the sole right of appointment.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Review the schedule.
- Approve of a way forward to manage partnerships going forward.
- Instruct Officers as to any further work necessary.

Main Report

Background

1. A review of the Outside Bodies Scheme has previously been overseen by the Civic Affairs Sub Committee. The purpose of the review is to enable Members to ensure that City Corporation participation in the various organisations remains relevant

and whether the appointments support the City Corporation's current aims and objectives.

Current Position

2. The Civic Affairs Sub Committee is responsible for the City of London Corporation's outside body arrangements. Any changes to the current arrangements require the approval of the Court of Common Council.
3. The outside organisations to which the City of London nominates or appoints representatives include statutory bodies, charitable and educational organisations, and advisory bodies.
4. Attached at Appendix A is a comprehensive list of all of the outside bodies where the City Corporation is represented and/or has nomination rights. The Schedule contains information about each outside body including some background about their aims and objectives. It also provides the name of the current nominated or representative Member(s) and how the work of the outside body links to the City Corporation's aims and objectives. Where appropriate, details of any financial assistance provided by the City Corporation have been given.
5. Many of these outside bodies do not have a current Member as representative or the partnership is out of date. These are listed at the end of the Schedule.
6. Each appointment is made in different and various way.
7. To further assist consideration, the Sub Committee may wish to take account of the perceived general benefits and disadvantages of City Corporation Members participating in the work of other organisations –

Benefits	Disadvantages
Adds to the Corporation's overall contribution to the wider London Agenda and helps to ensure that the work of the City Corporation is more widely recognised.	Expectation of funding.
Allows the expertise and skills that Members have to be applied more broadly and beyond the Square Mile.	Demand on Member time.
Provides strong links with relevant external organisations.	Risk of failure.

Options

8. As these appointments are made in different ways, we are undertaking a review of various ways of organising and maintaining a comprehensive list.

9. We will set out a schedule and prepare a way forward to manage partnerships going forward.

Proposals

To create a comprehensive, inclusive, and current schedule, we propose to:

10. Contact the Outside Bodies to update information sheets.
11. Confirm appointments' rights and standardise reports.
12. Confirm the links with The City are still standing.
13. Update Financial Support associated with each Outside Body, if applicable.
14. Remove Outside Bodies from the list whose partnership is no longer relevant.
15. Bring back to the Sub Committee the responses of the Outside Bodies.
16. The Sub Committee to approve continuous communication with Outside Bodies and updating of appointments.

Key Data

17. A comprehensive and current schedule will allow for better communication in managing our partnerships going forward.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Financial implications - none

Resource implications - none

Legal implications - none

Risk implications -none

Equalities implications – none

Climate implications - none

Security implications – none

Conclusion

Members are asked to:

18. Review the schedule.
19. Approve of a way forward to manage partnerships going forward.
20. Instruct Officers as to any further work necessary.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Schedule of Outside Bodies

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