

<b>Committees:</b> Port Health and Environmental Services Planning and Transportation	<b>Date:</b> 30 April 2013 14 May 2013
<b>Subject:</b> London Councils Transport and Environment Committee	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Decision</b>

### **Summary**

1. The City Corporation currently nominates a number of representatives to serve on three London Councils committees. Our nominations have, in all but one case, been filled on an annual basis by the Chairmen for the time being of the most relevant City Corporation Committee for the area of activity or interest concerned. This principle was agreed by the Court in 2000. For example, the Chairman of City Bridge Trust is nominated to serve on the Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants Committee) and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee on the Leaders Committee. The relevant Deputy Chairman is also nominated to deputise for his or her Chairman.
2. The City Corporation is entitled to nominate one voting Member and up to four named deputies to serve on the Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment Committee) (TEC). Archie Galloway was our representative (our voting Member) previously. This was agreed on the basis that his skills and knowledge in the area was welcomed by other Members of the TEC. However, as Mr Galloway is no longer on the Court this now needs to be reviewed.
3. The principle of nominating relevant Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen has worked well over the years and as a consequence it is proposed that the City Corporation's nomination on the TEC should fall in line with the principle agreed by the Court. In the case of the TEC, this would be the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee and it has been suggested on the basis that this particular area of work falls predominantly within that Committee's remit. The Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environment Committee would be nominated to serve as deputies.

### **Recommendation**

4. That, in line with the principle agreed by the Court in 2000, the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee be nominated to represent the City Corporation on the Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment Committee) (TEC) and that the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Service Committee, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services

Committee nominated to serve as the City Corporation's named deputies.
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## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The City Corporation currently nominates a number of representatives to serve on three London Councils committees on an annual basis. In 2000 the Court of Common Council agreed that the nominations should be filled by the Chairman (and the Deputy Chairman where applicable) for the time being of the most relevant Committee. For example, the Chairman of City Bridge Trust is nominated to serve on the Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants Committee) and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee to serve on the Leaders Committee. The relevant Deputy Chairman is also nominated to deputise for his or her Chairman.
2. The three committees to which we nominate are the Leaders' Committee, the Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment) (the TEC) and the Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Grants) Committee.
3. Lead Members covering certain policy areas are also nominated for consultation purposes. These nominations also accord with the principle of using the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant Committee. For example the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee is nominated as the City Corporation's lead Member for children and young people, housing and health and adult services.
4. The deadline for the submission of nominations to London Councils is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

### **Associated Joint Committee (London Councils Transport and Environment Committee) (TEC)**

5. The City Corporation is entitled to nominate one voting Member and up to four named deputies to serve on the TEC. Archie Galloway was nominated as our representative (our voting Member) for a number of years. This was agreed on the basis that his skills and knowledge in that area was welcomed by other Members of the TEC. Mr Galloway is no longer on the Court of Common Council. The principle agreed by the Court of Common Council of nominating relevant Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen has worked well since its inception and as a consequence it is now proposed that the nomination to serve on the TEC should fall in line with that principle. In the case of the TEC we believe this would be the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee on the basis that this particular area of work falls predominantly within that Committee's remit.
6. The City Corporation is also entitled to nominate up to four named deputies to serve on the TEC. It is proposed that the Chairman of the Port Health should be the first named deputy, the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee

the second and the Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee should occupy the third position. Members may wish to consider whether it is necessary to nominate a fourth deputy.

## **Conclusion**

7. The overriding principle agreed by the Court in 2000 of nominating the Chairman for the time being of the most relevant City Corporation Committee to serve on London Councils committees or be the named lead Member seems a sensible basis on which to proceed. In the case of the London Councils TEC, this would be the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee, with the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Port Health and Environment Committee serving as deputies.

## **Background Papers:**

London Councils circular on Member Structures, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Court Report, 2000

London Councils Nomination - Report to the Policy and Resources Committee 2011

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