City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Community & Children's Services Committee	**Dated:** 8 September 2026
Subject: Allocated Members to the City's Housing Estates	**Public report:** For Decision
This proposal: • **provides statutory duties** • **provides business enabling functions**	N/A
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of:	Town Clerk
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Summary

This report seeks the approval of the Community and Children's Services Committee to the Allocated Member positions determined by the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-Committee at its meeting on 1 July 2026, filling vacancies left by the Committee at its meeting on 5 May 2026 when it agreed appointments for the 2026/27 Civic Year.

The vacant positions: Lambeth, Southwark and Tower Hamlets and a further vacancy: Hackney that arose at the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-Committee meeting on 1 July 2026, were determined at and subsequent to that meeting.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Approve the vacant Allocated Member positions to the City's Housing Estates, as determined by the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-Committee at and subsequent to its meeting on 1 July 2026:

    - Hackney - John Griffiths
    - Lambeth - Mercy Haggerty
    - Southwark - Deputy Ceri Wilkins
    - Tower Hamlets - Deputy John Fletcher

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Background

1. The Allocated Members Scheme, which has been in operation since 2000, matches Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee with one or more of the City's Housing Estates. Nominations are required at the start of each civic year to determine the Allocated Member for each estate for the ensuing year.

2. At its first meeting of the new civic year on 5 May 2026, the Committee appointed Allocated Members to the City's Housing Estates, however three positions were unfilled: Lambeth, Southwark and Tower Hamlets. The Committee resolved that those vacant positions would be determined by the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-Committee at its meeting on 1 July 2026 and would return to the Committee for approval.

Current Position

3. At its meeting on 1 July 2026, the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk to determine the vacant Allocated Member positions to the City's Housing Estates.

4. Several expressions of interest from Sub-Committee members were received for the vacant positions: Lambeth, Southwark and Tower Hamlets. Furthermore, during the discussion, a Member stood down from Hackney leaving that position vacant.

5. The Sub-Committee resolved that the following Members be approved to the vacant Housing Estates:

    - Southwark - Deputy Ceri Wilkins
    - Tower Hamlets - Deputy John Fletcher

6. The Sub-Committee resolved that John Griffiths and Mercy Haggerty were to agree which of the remaining vacant Housing Estates (Hackney and Lambeth) they would be allocated.

7. Subsequent to the Sub-Committee meeting on 1 July 2026, confirmation has been received that John Griffiths would take the Hackney position, and Mercy Haggerty would take the Lambeth position.

8. The final list of Allocated Members is therefore:

    - Islington - Deputy Anne Corbett
    - Hackney - John Griffiths
    - Lewisham - Sandra Jenner
    - City of London - Golden Lane Estate - Deputy Ceri Wilkins
    - Middlesex Street Estate - Deputy John Fletcher
    - Southwark - Deputy Ceri Wilkins
    - Tower Hamlets - Deputy John Fletcher
    - Lambeth - Mercy Haggerty

Proposals

9. Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee are asked to approve the Allocated Members to the City's Housing Estates listed in the recommendation.

Conclusion

10. Members are asked to approve the vacant Allocated Member positions to the City's Housing Estates so that all positions are filled. This will enhance representation, improve coordination, streamline decision-making, and foster stronger community engagement.

Appendices

None

Background papers
Community and Children's Services Committee, 5 May 2026 - Item 6: Appointment of Sub-Committees.pdf (and various appendices)

Community and Children's Services Committee, 30 June 2026 - Item 5: Appointments to Sub-Committees.pdf

Housing Management & Almshouses Sub-Committee, 1 July 2026 - Item 6a: Allocated Members to the Citys Housing Estates.pdf

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