

Committee:	Date(s):
Education Board	24 June 2014
Subject: Appointment of External Representatives to the City of London Education Board	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
<u>Summary</u>	
<p>On the 24 October 2014 the Court of Common Council approved the City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013-2015. Contained within that strategy was a proposal for the establishment of an overarching education body. The establishment of the education body was approved on 1 May 2014 when the Court of Common Council approved the creation of the Education Board.</p> <p>The Membership of the Board is drawn from the Court and makes provision for the appointment of external representatives. This report provides the supporting statements of three candidates to be appointed to the Education Board as external representatives.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>It is recommended that the Members of the Education Board approve the appointment of at least one external representative to the Board.</p>	

Main Report

Current Position

1. On the 24 October 2014 the Court of Common Council approved the City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013-2015. Contained within that strategy was a proposal for the establishment of an overarching education body. The establishment of the education body was approved on 1 May 2014 when the Court of Common Council approved the creation of the Education Board.
2. The Membership of the Board is drawn from the Court and makes provision for the appointment of external representatives. The terms of reference states that up to four external representatives (i.e. non-Members of the Court of Common Council, who shall have voting rights) with appropriate expertise in the field of education can be appointed.
3. The following candidates have expressed an interest in being appointed to the Education Board as external representatives. Each candidate has provided a supporting statement, these are detailed below.

Supporting Statements

4. John Taylor

As a former teacher, one of Her Majesty's Inspectors, Director of Inspection at Ofsted and, latterly, freelance Education Consultant, I have had a lifelong interest in and commitment to education. In the City of London, I am a Freeman of the City, member and Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Educators, member of the Ward of Cheap, and former Administrator and Chair of the Livery Schools Link. I am a governor at three schools, a trustee of AGBIS and am particularly interested in quality assurance, strategy and public/private partnerships, through my association with the United Westminster Foundation.

5. Jude Chin

I am passionate about the role a good school can play in changing the lives of children, particularly those from underprivileged backgrounds. I have been a governor of the City of London Academy, Southwark and the City Academy, Hackney since their opening and have seen, first hand, how good leadership, good teaching, good behaviour and good governance can produce outstanding outcomes for students.

I am also a governor of the Seckford Foundation which owns an Independent school and three Free Schools and so have a good understanding of both the independent and state sectors of education.

I retired from KPMG in 2008 after a 30 year career with the firm; I am currently non-executive chair of SSAT (The Schools Network) Ltd, a provider of membership and education services to the state sector and a non-executive director of Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust. I have a degree in Biochemistry from Bristol University, am a Chartered Accountant and a Freeman of the City of London.

6. Roy Blackwell

Roy Blackwell is Director of the United Westminster Schools/Grey Coat Hospital Foundation. He is Clerk to the Board of Trustees and to the governing bodies of the schools which make up the Foundation, an unusual mixture of independent and state schools, with the latter being inner city (London) academies.

He started his working life as a teacher then became Education Officer for a Local Authority, followed by a move to the civil service where he negotiated bi-lateral and multi-lateral treaties in Europe on behalf of HM Government. He is a Liveryman and Court Assistant of The Worshipful Company of Educators.

Implications

7. The terms of reference for the Education Board states that for a meeting of the Board to be in quorate there must be a minimum of five Common Council Members and one external representative.

Recommendation

8. Members are asked to confirm the appointment of at least one external representative.

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