



## Report – Education Board

# Appointment of Company Member to City of London Academies (Southwark)

*To be presented on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015*

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons  
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

### SUMMARY

1. The City of London Corporation appoints individuals as Members of the City of London Academies (Southwark), the legal entity overseeing the City of London Academy Southwark and Redriff Primary School. The Reverend Dr Martin Dudley CC, appointed by the City Corporation to the City of London Academies (Southwark), has expressed a wish to resign in line with his resignation as a director of City of London Academy Southwark in 2013.
2. Andrew McMurtrie CC, an existing director, has indicated he is willing to be appointed by the City Corporation to the resulting vacancy, and the Board of Governors supports this appointment. It is therefore recommended that Mr McMurtrie be appointed to replace Dr Dudley as a Member of the City of London Academies (Southwark).

### RECOMMENDATION

3. We **recommend** that the Court of Common Council approve the removal of Dr Dudley as a Member of City of London Academies (Southwark), the legal entity overseeing City of London Academy Southwark and Redriff Primary School, and appoint Andrew McMurtrie CC to fill the resulting vacancy.

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#### Background

4. The City of London Academies (Southwark) is a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2006. The City Corporation is the sole Sponsor and has certain rights to appoint and remove directors to the two academies as well as Members of the

legal entity overseeing the City of London Academy Southwark and Redriff Primary School – the City of London Academies (Southwark).

5. The Reverend Dr Dudley formally resigned as a director of City of London Academy Southwark in 2013 but remained a Member of the City of London Academies (Southwark).

#### **Current position**

6. Consistent with usual City Corporation practice regarding appointments to the Academy companies where the City Corporation has rights to appoint both directors and Members of the academy's overall legal entity who are often the same individuals, Dr Dudley now wishes to resign as a Member of the City of London Academies (Southwark) consistent with his resignation as a director in 2013.
7. Andrew McMurtrie is an existing director of the City of London Academies (Southwark), appointed by the City Corporation. He has indicated he is willing to serve as a Member of the City of London Academies (Southwark). The Board of Governors supports Mr McMurtrie's appointment to replace Dr Dudley.
8. There are currently three Members of the City of London Academies (Southwark) including the Reverend Dr Dudley. Two are appointed by the City Corporation (Dr Dudley and Alderman Sir David Wootton) and the third is appointed ex-officio by virtue of being Chairman of the Board of Governors (Deputy William Fraser). Under the City of London Academies (Southwark) governing documents a Member may resign provided that after such resignation the number of Members is not less than three. The Academy's governing documents also provide that the City Corporation, as Sponsor, may remove a Member appointed by them and appoint a replacement Member to fill a vacancy whether resulting from such removal or otherwise.
9. In noting Dr Dudley's wish to resign and recognising that his resignation would cause the number of Members to fall below three, it is recommended that the Court of Common Council give notice to the City of London Academies (Southwark) of its decision, as Sponsor, to remove Dr Dudley as Member and to appoint Mr McMurtrie to fill the resulting vacancy. The company administration regarding the appointment is dealt with directly by the City of London Academies (Southwark).

#### **Conclusion**

10. This report outlines the procedure and recommendations for the appointment of Mr McMurtrie to replace Dr Dudley as a Member of the City of London Academies (Southwark).

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Deputy Catherine McGuinness**  
Chairman, Education Board