

EDUCATION BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of the Education Board held at Guildhall on Thursday, 14 September 2017 at 3.00 pm

Present

Members:

Henry Colthurst (Chairman)
Ann Holmes (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy John Bennett
Sheriff & Alderman Peter Estlin
Stuart Fraser
Caroline Haines
Sheriff & Alderman William Russell
Ian Seaton
Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Roy Blackwell
Tim Campbell

Officers:

Andrew Carter	-	Director of Community and Children's Services
Mark Emmerson	-	Community and Children's Services
Gerald Mehrtens	-	Community & Children's Services
Jeanne Barnard	-	Community and Children's Services
Mark Jarvis	-	Chamberlain's Department
Anne Pietsch	-	Comptrollers and City Solicitor's Department
Matt Pitt	-	Town Clerk's
Julie Mayer	-	Town Clerk's

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Catherine McGuinness, Helen Sanson, Veronica Wadley and Chris Hayward.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. PUBLIC MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 20 July were approved as a correct record.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Members received the Outstanding Actions list and agreed to move strategic items to the November Meeting of the Education Board. Members noted the following items which could be closed as they would be covered by today's agenda:

- Prefects Leadership Course
- Skills Audit Template
- National Citizen Service
- Exam Results – Members received the final results following the despatch of this agenda.

In respect of the forthcoming Awayday, Members noted this could not take place on 11th January 2018, as a meeting of COLAT had been scheduled in the morning and the Court of Common Council in the afternoon. The Town Clerk would therefore canvass Members as to suitable dates, as soon as possible after 11 January 2018. Members agreed that the Away Day would replace the Board Meeting scheduled for 11 January 2018.

All other items had future target dates and would therefore remain on the list.

5. **EDUCATION ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services which provide an update on recent education activities.

The Chairman advised that the Annual Committee Dinner would take place on 21 February 2018.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

6. **CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST (04504128) GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS AND OVERVIEW OF APPOINTMENT PROCESSES FOR CITY CORPORATION ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS**

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services which confirmed recent appointments to the Local Governing Bodies of the City of London Academies at Highgate Hill and Highbury Grove. Members noted that, since this report had been published, Richard Crossan's skills audit had been approved and his appointment to Highgate Hill could be confirmed.

RESOLVED, that the following be noted:

1. In respect of the City of London Academies Trust (04504128), the appointments of Valerie Bossman-Quarshie and Richard Crossan to the Highgate Hill Local Governing Body; and Colette Bowe to the Highbury Grove Local Governing Body be noted.
2. In making the additional appointment to the Highbury Grove Local Governing Body, the Trust Board has varied the standard Local Governing Body Terms of Reference to allow for eight appointments by the Trust Board in this case, rather than seven, as it was considered to be in the best interests of the School.
3. The appointment processes for Governors to the City Corporation's schools.
4. The current membership of the City Corporation's schools' Governing Bodies.

5. The City Corporation's Skills Audit Form for School Governors.

7. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk in respect of appointments to the City of London Academies Trust and noted that, due to a potential conflict of interest, the current Chairman of the Education Board had not taken up the role of Company Member and Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust.

Members were asked to note paragraph 3 (a) in the report in that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman or their representatives (i.e. nominees) could be appointed. Such nomination was not limited to Members of the Policy and Resources Committee or the Education Board. The Town Clerk advised that all appointments were subject to DfE approval, as part of the Prevent Strategy.

RESOLVED, that – the 2016 Resolution of the Court of Common Council be amended to permit a representative (nominee) of the Chairman/Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Education Board to serve as Company Member/Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust, where the original Member is not able to serve.

8. **CITY OF LONDON CULTURAL STRATEGY**

Members received a report of the Assistant Town Clerk/Cultural Hub Director in respect of the new Cultural Strategy. Members noted that the Strategy was very far reaching and would therefore be presented to many City of London Corporation Committees, before being presented to the Court of Common Council in December 2017 for final approval. Members were asked to email any high level comments to Matt Pitt.

RESOLVED, that - the report be noted.

9. **EDUCATION OUTTURN BUDGET 2017/18**

Members received a report of the Chamberlain in respect of the Education Budget, which had been placed on the Non-Public part of the Agenda in error. Members also noted the title of the report should be as above and not '*Draft Education Budget for 2018/19*'.

RESOLVED, that - the latest forecast for the Outturn 2017/18 be noted.

10. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Chairman was heard in respect of COLAT's proposal to merge its three Southwark Local Governing Bodies into a single Local Governing Body. The Chairman proposed that, given the Education Board's accountability to the Court of Common Council, the November meeting of the Board should receive a proposal, including:

- The updated proposal for Southwark local governing bodies.

- A short appendix to the Sponsorship Agreement, setting out in simple terms what COLAT plans and proposals would need specific prior agreement of the Education Board particularly in the areas of major investment and grant giving decisions, expansion/cessation of schools, and changes to governance structures.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act as follows:-

Item	Paragraph
14	3
15, 16	1

13. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2017 were approved as a correct record.

14. ACADEMIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

15. UN-VALIDATED EXAMINATION RESULTS 2017

Members received the 2017 Exam Results and noted the amended figures which had been emailed since the despatch of the agenda and laid around the table.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

16. CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST (COLAT) EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES TO SEPTEMBER 2018

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

17. NON PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

Give the considerable number of strategic items on the next agenda, Members were urged to attend.

The meeting ended at 3.55pm

Chairman

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