

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Health and Wellbeing Board – For Decision	24 November 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Sustainable City Awards 2018	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Andrew Carter, Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

The City of London Corporation has been heavily involved with the Sustainable City Awards. From 2018, the Sustainable City Awards will be moving to a corporate sponsorship model, though the full details of this have not yet been confirmed. London Sustainability Exchange has requested that the Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board continue to lend their support in judging the Health and Wellbeing category in this year's awards. This request is supported by the Assistant Town Clerk and the Department of the Built Environment.

### Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Approve the proposal that Health and Wellbeing Board representative(s) will be part of the judging panel for the Health and Wellbeing Award at the 2018 Sustainable City Awards.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The Sustainable City Awards have been running since 2001 and have historically been administered by the City of London Corporation. In recent years, London Sustainability Exchange (LSx) was been commissioned by the City of London Corporation to run the awards on its behalf. From 2018, the Sustainable City Awards will be moving to a corporate sponsorship model.
2. The Awards aim to recognise and reward best practice in environmental management and sustainable leadership, constituting a national "green business" scheme. The awards are the UK's foremost sustainability awards and attract applications from businesses and third-sector organisations across the UK and within the Square Mile, including SMEs and multi-national banks. They are given to organisations demonstrating excellence in sustainable development and are free to enter.

3. There are seven different award categories, each focusing on a different aspect of sustainable business: Health and Wellbeing; Innovative Technology; Innovative Spaces; Sustainable Transport; The Farsight Award; the Sir Peter Parker Award; and an “Overall Winner” category.
4. The Health and Wellbeing award category was introduced in 2015 and recognises businesses that undertake outstanding or innovative work to promote the health of their workforce. It awards organisations demonstrating best practice in promoting health and wellbeing, either through projects to improve the health and wellbeing of their own workforce, or through work they do that benefits the health of the wider community. This complements priorities of the City of London’s Health and Wellbeing Board to improve the health and wellbeing of City workers, which is largely carried out by the Business Healthy initiative.
5. Since the Health and Wellbeing category was introduced in 2015, the City of London Corporation’s Health and Wellbeing Board has been a partner and members – including a representative of Healthwatch City of London – have been on the judging panel for this award.
6. The Health and Wellbeing category in the Sustainable City Awards 2017 received the highest number of submissions out of all seven categories and a significant increase on the number of applications for this category compared with previous years. This can be attributed to the support provided by the City Corporation’s Health and Wellbeing Board and promotional work carried out by the Public Health team and Business Healthy, particularly among the City’s SME community.
7. Rough timings are as follows:
  - Applications open: 22 January
  - Applications close: 31 March
  - Judging panels: w/c 23 April
  - Sir Peter Parker panel: w/c 28 May
  - Overall Winner panel: w/c 4 June
  - Invitations sent: mid-May
  - Awards ceremony: w/c 2 July

## **Current Position**

8. As of 2018, the City of London Corporation is no longer funding or administering the Sustainable City Awards, though it may sponsor one of the award categories at a lower level. It is proposed that going forward LSx will secure sponsorship from corporate partners to fund each of the award categories and is approaching former award winners.
9. LSx have asked the City Corporation’s Public Health team/ Business Healthy to continue to promote the Health and Wellbeing award to their networks and provide communications support, based on the success of this model in previous years.

## **Proposals**

10. LSx would like the City Corporation's Health and Wellbeing Board to continue to assist in judging the Health and Wellbeing category.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

11. The proposal outlined above contributes to the Corporate Plan (2018-23), particularly to the aims to shape the City of the future and contribute to a flourishing society, by positively impacting people and the environment and ensuring people enjoy good health and wellbeing.

## **Conclusion**

12. This report updates Members on the Sustainable City Awards 2018 and requests their endorsement and involvement.

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