

Executive (sitting as the Appointments Panel)

Nominations to Outside Bodies

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Summary: This report provides the Executive in its capacity as the Appointments Panel, with details of London Councils' nominations/appointments made to outside bodies.

Recommendations: The Executive is recommended to note the nominations/appointments made by the Chief Executive on behalf of London Councils.

Nominations to Outside Bodies

Background

1. In 2002, London Councils' Elected Officers, acting in their capacity as its Appointments Panel, agreed to delegate the making of nominations to outside bodies to the Chief Executive within agreed guidelines and on Nolan principles and on the basis that they were reported to the next available meeting of the Appointments Panel. The guidelines were refined in 2012 with a fresh set of principles. These are attached at Appendix A.

Nominations

2. The Chief Executive has made the appointments listed in Appendix B on the advice of the Transport and Environment Committee.
3. Other appointments will need to be made to reflect changes to portfolio holders and party leads that were agreed at the Leaders' Committee AGM in October. These will be reported to a subsequent meeting of the Executive.

Financial Implications:

Where remunerated, payments are made by the appointing body and there are, therefore, no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal Implications:

In making appointments London Councils complies with relevant legislation. It also seeks to comply with the 'Nolan' Seven Principles of Public Life.

Equalities Implications:

There are no equalities implications for London Councils.

Recommendations:

The Executive is recommended to note the new nominations/appointments made by the Chief Executive on behalf of London Councils.

Appendices:

- Appendix A - Principles to be applied in making appointments agreed by London Councils Leaders' Committee Executive 29 May 2012
- Appendix B - Nominations to TEC Outside Bodies for 2020/21

Appendix A

Principles to be applied in making appointments

Agreed by London Councils Leaders' Committee Executive 29 May 2012

Introduction

Appointments to outside bodies have been delegated by members to the Chief Executive. These appointments will be made by the Chief Executive in consultation with members as appropriate. In making appointments the Chief Executive will apply the Particular Principles (1, below) first but will also seek to ensure that nothing is done to depart from the General Principles (2, below). General Conditions (3, below) are included for guidance.

1 Particular Principles

a) In cases where a single appointment is required

- (i) In first instance the relevant portfolio-holder will be considered and if that is not a suitable appointment then the Chief Executive will consult members on an alternative candidate.

b) In cases where an outside body requires more than a single appointment

- (i) The first principle to be applied in such cases is any reasonable external requirement placed on London Councils in making the appointments¹.
- (ii) The second principle to be applied, if the first principle does not obtain, is that the number of appointments made from each political party reflects the balance of the parties on Leaders' Committee² at that time.

2 General Principles

- (i) When the Chief Executive is applying the particular principles set out above, they will seek to reflect any particular interest that the body to be appointed to has expressed to London Councils³.

¹ For example, the mechanism employed in determining the number of appointments for each political party made by London Councils to the former London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority was set out in legislation – the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

² This will be determined by the application of the d'Hondt formula.

- (ii) The Chief Executive will also be mindful of other factors that it would be reasonable or proper for London Councils to consider, for example specialist knowledge, stability of service, diversity as well as applying the Nolan principles set out below and the Chief Executive may - in consultation with members – override the principles set out above when there is a compelling case to do so.
- (iii) All public bodies are under a duty to follow the *Seven Principles of Public Life* set out by the Committee for Standards in Public Life, formerly chaired by Lord Nolan (the principles are often called the *Nolan Principles*). In particular, the Chief Executive will seek to ensure that the following three Nolan principles are applied:

Objectivity

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.⁴

Openness

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

- (iv) The Chief Executive will give consideration to the members of the Corporation of London when making any appointments to outside bodies.

³ For example, outside bodies occasionally ask for cross-party appointments.

⁴ Members will be expected to regularly attend meetings of the bodies they are appointed to and may be accountable to and from, London Councils for their actions in that capacity.

3 General conditions

- (i) When an appointment to an outside body ceases to be a member of a London local authority, London Councils will, in general, take whatever steps are necessary to remove them from that outside body.
- (ii) At a freeze date, being the date of the meeting of the London Councils Executive in May of each year, a report will be brought to that meeting setting out the total number of appointments made to outside bodies for each of the political parties with a calculation of how this reflects the agreed principles (above) for appointments and the variation from the balance of the parties on Leaders' Committee.
- (iii) Any variations in proportionality to be dealt with by the groups and whips.

Appendix B

Nominations to TEC Outside Bodies for 2020/21

Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee (HACC)

Cllr Steve Curran (LB Hounslow, Lab)

Cllr Peter Craske (LB Bexley, Con, Deputy)

Thames Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (RFCC)

West – Cllr Peter Zinkin (LB Barnet, Con)

South West – Cllr Julia Neden-Watts (LB Richmond, Lib Dem)

South East – Cllr Sizwe James (RB Greenwich, Lab)

North East – Cllr Syed Ghani (LB Barking & Dagenham, Lab)

Central North – Cllr Johnny Thalassites (RB Kensington & Chelsea, Con)

Central South – Cllr Johnson Situ (LB Southwark, Lab)

North – Cllr James Asser (LB Newham)

London Sustainable Development Commission

Cllr Rowena Champion (LB Islington, Lab)

Urban Design London (UDL)

Daniel Moylan (Independent)

Cllr Nigel Haselden (LB Lambeth)

Thames and London Waterways Forum

Cllr Sizwe James (RB Greenwich, Lab)

Cllr Johnson Situ (LB Southwark, Lab)

Cllr Peter Craske (LB Bexley, Con)

London City Airport Consultative Committee (LCACC)

Conservative nomination to follow

London Waste & Recycling Board

Cllr Nesil Caliskan (LB Enfield, Lab)

Cllr Claire Holland (LB Lambeth, Lab)

Cllr Krupa Sheth (LB Brent, Lab)

Cllr Guy Senior (LB Wandsworth, Con)

Chantelle Nicholson (Independent)

Joe Murphy (Independent)

London Cycling Campaign (LCC)

Cllr Clyde Loakes (LB Waltham Forest, Lab)

London Fuel Poverty Partnership

Cllr William Huntington-Thresher (LB Bromley, Con)

TfL/Government Active Travel Board

Cllr Clyde Loakes – LB Waltham Forest (Lab)