

Leaders' Committee – AGM

7 June 2022 - 11:30 am

At London Councils offices, Conference Suite, 59½ Southwark St., London SE1 0AL

Refreshments will be provided. London Councils offices are wheelchair accessible

| Labour Group: | Room 2 | 10:00 |
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Note Items 7 – 13: are contained in one document: **Composition of London Councils' member bodies and appointment of office-holders** which covers nominations to Leaders' Committee, TEC, Grants, & GLEF and proposed appointments for GLPC, London Councils Executive, Party Group Leads, Audit Committee and YPES

All items for discussion and noting

Agenda item

1 Declarations of Interest*

| 2 | Apologies for Absence and notification of Deputies |
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| 3 | Election of Chair |
| 4 | Election of Deputy Chair and up to three Vice-Chairs |

- 5 Minutes of the Leaders' Committee AGM held on 8 June 2021 (for noting previously agreed)
- 6 Appointment of London Councils Co-Presidents for 2022/23
- 7 Membership of Leaders' Committee 2022/23
- 8 Note of borough nominations to the Transport and Environment Committee and Grants Committee for 2022/23

- 9 (a) Membership of Greater London Employment Forum for 2022/23
- 9 (b) Membership of Greater London Provincial Council Employers Side for 2022/23
- 10 Appointment of London Councils Executive
- 11 Appointment of party group lead members
- 12 Appointment of Audit Committee and election of its Chair and Deputy Chair

13 Approval of YPES Board members

- 14 Constitutional Matters:
 - A: London Councils Standing Orders
 - B: London Councils' Scheme of Delegations to Officers
 - C: Establishing of and Terms of Reference for, Sub Committees and forums
- 15 London Councils Committee Dates 2022/23

*Declarations of Interests

If you are present at a meeting of London Councils' or any of its associated joint committees or their sub-committees and you have a disclosable pecuniary interest* relating to any business that is or will be considered at the meeting you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your disclosable pecuniary interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

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*as defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

London Councils

Notes of the Annual General Meeting of the London Councils Leaders' Committee held virtually on 8 June 2021

Cllr Georgia Gould chaired the meeting from item 3

Present: BARNET BEXLEY BRENT BROMLEY CAMDEN CROYDON EALING **ENFIELD** GREENWICH HACKNEY HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM HARINGEY HARROW HAVERING HILLINGDON HOUNSLOW **ISLINGTON KENSINGTON & CHELSEA** KINGSTON LAMBETH LEWISHAM MERTON **NEWHAM** REDBRIDGE **RICHMOND UPON THAMES** SOUTHWARK SUTTON TOWER HAMLETS WALTHAM FOREST WANDSWORTH **WESTMINSTER CITY OF LONDON**

CO-PRESIDENT CO-PRESIDENT CO-PRESIDENT

Apologies:

BARKING AND DAGENHAM BARNET HARROW KINGSTON Cllr David Longstaff (Deputy) Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE **Cllr Muhammed Butt Cllr Colin Smith Cllr Georgia Gould** Cllr Hamida Ali **Cllr Peter Mason** Cllr Nesil Caliskan **Cllr Danny Thorpe** Mayor Philip Glanville **Cllr Stephen Cowan Cllr Peray Ahmet** Cllr Natasha Proctor (Deputy) Cllr Damian White **Cllr Ian Edwards Cllr Steve Curran** Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz Cllr Elizabeth Campbell Cllr Tim Cobbett (Deputy) **Cllr Clare Holland** Mayor Damien Egan Cllr Mark Allison Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz **Cllr Jas Athwal Cllr Gareth Roberts Cllr Kieron Williams** Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE Mayor John Biggs **Cllr Clare Coghill** Cllr Ravi Govindia CBE Cllr Rachael Robathan Ms Catherine McGuinness

Lord Harris of Haringey Lord Tope of Sutton The Rt Hon. The Lord Barwell

Cllr Darren Rodwell Cllr Daniel Thomas Cllr Graham Henson Cllr Caroline Kerr

Officers of London Councils were in attendance.

The Acting Chief Executive welcomed Members and introduced the three Co-Presidents, Lord Harris of Haringey, Lord Tope of Sutton and The Rt Hon. The Lord Barwell.

Lord Harris then chaired the meeting for the next three items on the agenda.

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Apologies for absence and notification of deputies

Apologies were as listed above.

3. Election of Chair

Lord Harris called for nominations for the position of Chair of London Councils and Cllr Georgia Gould (Camden, Labour) was nominated by Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Bexley, Conservative) and seconded by Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Sutton, Lib Dem). There were no other nominations.

Cllr Georgia Gould was elected Chair of London Councils and took over chairing the meeting.

The Chair (Cllr Georgia Gould) thanked members and welcomed the new Leaders attending the Committee for the first time, namely: Cllr Peter Mason (Ealing); Cllr Peray Ahmet (Haringey); Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz (Islington); and Cllr Claire Holland (Lambeth). She also expressed her condolences concerning the recent death of Cllr Chris Robbins CBE, former Leader of the London Borough of Waltham Forest. She asked members to observe a minute's silence in his memory.

4. Election of Deputy Chair and up to Three Vice Chairs

The Chair then invited nominations for the Deputy Chair and up to three Vice-chairs. Cllr O'Neill OBE nominated Cllr Darren Rodwell (Barking and Dagenham, Labour) as Deputy Chair and that nomination was seconded by Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Sutton, Lib Dem).

Cllr Rodwell was elected as Deputy Chair of London Councils.

The Chair nominated the following who were seconded by Cllr Ravi Govindia CBE (Wandsworth, Conservative).

| Vice-Chair | Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Bexley, Conservative) |
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| Vice-Chair | Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Sutton, Lib Dem) |
| Vice-Chair | Ms Catherine McGuinness (City of London) |

and who were duly elected as Vice Chairs of London Councils.

5. Minutes of the meeting of the AGM Leaders' Committee on 13 October 2020

Leaders' Committee agreed to note the minutes of the meeting of the AGM of Leaders' Committee on 13 October 2020 already agreed by Leaders' Committee on 8 December 2020.

6. Appointment of London Councils Co-Presidents for 2021/22

The Chair nominated and Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (Kensington & Chelsea, Conservative) seconded the following: The Lord Harris of Haringey (Labour Peer), The Lord Tope CBE (Liberal Democrat Peer) and The Rt Hon. The Lord Barwell (Conservative Peer). All were appointed as Co-Presidents of London Councils, and invited to address members.

Lord Harris was delighted to continue as Co-President and informed members that it was important to make the case for London, to emphasise both its inequalities and common purpose, and to link with other centres of local government throughout the country.

The Rt Hon The Lord Barwell recognised three challenges facing London; the importance of the role of the capital in the levelling up debate; the decarbonisation of the economy; and devolution considerations. He also recognised the key role of boroughs in post pandemic recovery and recorded his wish to assist where possible.

Lord Tope congratulated boroughs for the leadership strength they had demonstrated over the past year and felt that this contribution had not been fully recognised.

7. - 13. Composition of London Councils' member bodies and appointment of office-holders

The Chair proposed that items 7-13 be taken *en bloc*.

At items 7-9, the Leaders' Committee noted the membership of Leaders' Committee, the Transport and Environment Committee (TEC), the Grants Committee and the Greater London Employment Forum on the nomination of boroughs.

At items 9 -13 the Leaders' Committee noted the appointment of the Employers Side of the Greater London Provincial Council, the London Councils Executive (including Portfolios), the appointment of party group lead members, the Group Whips, the appointment of the Audit Committee and election of its Chair and the appointment of YPES board members as detailed on the following pages.

| 7. LEADERS' | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Borough | Rep | Party | Deputy 1 | Party |
| Barking & Dagenham | Darren Rodwell | Lab | Saima Ashraf | Lab |
| Barnet | Daniel Thomas | Con | Cllr. D Longstaff | Con |
| Bexley | Teresa O'Neill OBE | Con | Louie French | Con |
| Brent | Muhammed Butt | Lab | Margaret McLennan | Lab |
| Bromley | Colin Smith | Con | Peter Fortune | Con |
| Camden | Georgia Gould | Lab | | |
| Croydon | Hamida Ali | Lab | | |
| Ealing | Peter Mason | Lab | Deirdre Costigan | Lab |
| Enfield | Nesil Caliskan | Lab | lan Barnes | Lab |
| Greenwich | Danny Thorpe | Lab | Denise Scott-McDonald | Lab |
| Hackney | Philip Glanville | Lab | Anntoinette Bramble | Lab |
| Hammersmith & Fulham | Stephen Cowan | Lab | Sue Fennimore | Lab |
| Haringey | Peray Ahmet | Lab | Mike Hakata | Lab |
| Harrow | Graham Henson | Lab | Natasha Proctor | Lab |
| Havering | Damian White | Con | Robert Benham | Con |
| Hillingdon | lan Edwards | Con | Jonathan Bianco | Con |
| Hounslow | Steve Curran | Lab | Lily Bath | Lab |
| Islington | Kaya Comer-Schwartz | Lab | Rowena Champion | Lab |
| Kensington & Chelsea | Elizabeth Campbell | Con | Kim Taylor-Smith | Con |
| Kingston upon Thames | Caroline Kerr | LD | Tim Cobbett | LD |
| Lambeth | Claire Holland | Lab | Jacqui Dyer | Lab |
| Lewisham | Damien Egan | Lab | Kevin Bonavia | Lab |
| Merton | Mark Allison | Lab | Owen Pritchard | Lab |
| Newham | Rokhsana Fiaz | Lab | Charlene McLean | Lab |
| Redbridge | Jas Athwal | Lab | Kam Rai | Lab |
| Richmond upon Thames | Gareth Roberts | LD | Liz Jaeger | LD |
| Southwark | Kieron Williams | Lab | Jasmine Ali | Lab |
| Sutton | Ruth Dombey OBE | LD | Manual Abellan | LD |
| Tower Hamlets | John Biggs | Lab | Rachel Blake | Lab |
| Waltham Forest | Clare Coghill | Lab | Clyde Loakes | Lab |
| Wandsworth | Ravi Govindia CBE | Con | Kim Caddy | Con |
| Westminster | Rachael Robathan | Con | Melvyn Caplan | Con |
| City of London | Catherine McGuinness | Ind | Christopher Hayward | Ind |
| | | | | |

8. TEC Borough Rep Party **Deputy 1** Party Barking & Dagenham Syed Ghani Lab **Cameron Geddes** Lab Barnet Peter Zinkin Con Laithe Jaheh Con Bexley Peter Craske Con Alex Sawyer Con Brent Krupa Sheth Lab Shama Tatler Lab Bromley William Huntington-Thresher Con Will Rowlands Con Camden Adam Harrison Lab **Danny Beales** Lab Croydon Muhammed Ali Lab Ealing Deirdre Costigan Peter Mason Lab Lab Enfield **Guney Dogan** Ian Barnes Lab Lab Greenwich Sarah Merrill Lab Hackney Mayor Philip Glanville Lab Jon Burke Lab Hammersmith & Fulham Wesley Harcourt Lab David Morton Lab Haringey Mike Hakata Lab Ruth Gordon Lab Harrow Varsha Parmar Lab Jerry Miles Lab Havering Osman Dervish Jason Frost Con Con Hillingdon John Riley Con Eddie Lavery Con Hounslow Hanif Khan Lab Katherine Dunne Lab Islington **Rowena Champion** Lab Asima Shaikh Lab Kensington & Chelsea Johnny Thalassites Con Will Pascall Con Kingston upon Thames John Sweenev LD Tim Cobbett LD Lambeth Mahamad Hashi Danny Adilypour Lab Lab Lewisham Sophie McGeever Lab **Brenda Dacres** Lab Natasha Irons Merton Martin Whelton Lab Lab Newham James Asser Nilufa Jahan Lab Lab Redbridge Jo Blackman Lab Sheila Bain Lab **Richmond upon Thames** Alexander Ehmann Martin Elengorn LD LD Southwark **Catherine Rose** Lab Sutton Manuel Abelan LD Ben Andrew LD **Tower Hamlets** Dan Tomlinson Lab Asma Islam Lab Waltham Forest **Clyde Loakes** Lab Wandsworth Con Sarah McDermott Con John Locker Westminster Con Melvyn Caplan Con **Tim Mitchell** City of London Alistair Moss Ind Keith Bottomley Ind TfL Alex Williams

8. GRANTS

| 8. GRANTS | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Borough | Rep | Party | Deputy 1 | Party |
| Barking & Dagenham | Saima Ashraf | Lab | Sade Bright | Lab |
| Barnet | Daniel Thomas | Con | | |
| Bexley | David Leaf | Con | Alex Sawyer | Con |
| Brent | Margaret McLennan | Lab | Promise Knight | Lab |
| Bromley | Kate Lymer | Con | | |
| Camden | Anna Wright | Lab | Angela Mason | Lab |
| Croydon | Manju Shahul-Hameed | Lab | | |
| Ealing | Jasbir Anand | Lab | Peter Mason | Lab |
| Enfield | Nesil Caliskan | Lab | Mary Maguire | Lab |
| Greenwich | Adel Khaireh | Lab | Miranda Williams | Lab |
| Hackney | Christopher Kennedy | Lab | Carole Wiliams | Lab |
| Hammersmith & Fulham | Larry Culhane | Lab | Adam Connell | Lab |
| Haringey | Peray Ahmet | Lab | | |
| Harrow | Sue Anderson | Lab | Simon Brown | Lab |
| Havering | Viddy Persaud | Con | Jason Frost | Con |
| Hillingdon | Martin Goddard | Con | J Bianco | Con |
| Hounslow | Shantanu Rajawat | Lab | Guy Lambert | Lab |
| Islington | Una O'Halloran | Lab | Gill Satnam | Lab |
| Kensington & Chelsea | Anne Cyron | Con | Sarah Addenbrooke | Con |
| Kingston upon Thames | Caroline Kerr | LD | Tim Cobbett | LD |
| Lambeth | Donatus Anyanwu | Lab | Andy Wilson | Lab |
| Lewisham | Damien Egan | Lab | Amanda De Ryk | Lab |
| Merton | | | Caroline Cooper- | |
| Nouchana | Marsie Skeet | Lab | Marbiah | Lab |
| Newham | Rokshana Fiaz | Lab | Charlene McLean | Lab |
| Redbridge | John Howard | Lab | Kam Rai | Lab |
| Richmond upon Thames Southwark | Gareth Roberts | LD | Michael Wilson | LD |
| | Alice MacDonald | Lab | | |
| Sutton | Marian James | LD | Ruth Dombey | LD |
| Tower Hamlets | Candida Ronald | Lab | Asma Begum | Lab |
| Waltham Forest | Louise Mitchell | Lab | Clyde Loakes | Lab |
| Wandsworth | Jonathan Cook | Con | Melanie Hampton | Con |
| Westminster | Heather Acton | Con | David Harvey | Con |
| City of London | Dhruv Patel | Ind | | |
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9a. GLEF

| Borough | Rep | Party |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Barking & Dagenham | Sade Bright | Lab |
| Barnet | Daniel Thomas | Con |
| Bexley | Howard Jackson | Con |
| Brent | Margaret McLennan | Lab |
| Bromley | Pauline Tunnicliffe | Con |
| Camden | Danny Beales | Lab |
| Croydon | Callton Young | Lab |
| Ealing | Steve Donnelly | Lab |
| Enfield | Nesil Caliskan | Lab |
| Greenwich | Linda Perks | Lab |
| Hackney | Carole Williams | Lab |
| Hammersmith & Fulham | Zarar Qayyum | Lab |
| Haringey | Julie Davis | Lab |
| Harrow | Natasha Proctor | Lab |
| Havering | Robert Benham | Con |
| Hillingdon | Douglas Mills | Con |
| Hounslow | Candice Atterton | Lab |
| Islington | Satnam Gill | Lab |
| Kensington & Chelsea | Catherine Faulks | Con |
| Kingston upon Thames | Tim Cobbett | LD |
| Lambeth | Andy Wilson | Lab |
| Lewisham | Amanda de Ryk | Lab |
| Merton | Caroline Cooper-Marbiah | Lab |
| Newham | Terry Paul | Lab |
| Redbridge | Elaine Norman | Lab |
| Richmond upon Thames | Richard Baker | LD |
| Southwark | Rebecca Lury | Lab |
| Sutton | Richard Clifton | LD |
| Tower Hamlets | Mayor John Biggs | Lab |
| Waltham Forest | Clyde Loakes | Lab |
| Wandsworth | Guy Senior | Con |
| Westminster | Rachel Robathan | Con |
| City of London | Tracy Graham | Ind |
| | | |

9 (b) Appointment of Greater London Provincial Council Employers Side

| Barking & Dagenham Camden Croydon Enfield Greenwich Hackney Havering Hounslow Hillingdon Lewisham Sutton Tower Hamlets Waltham Forest Wandsworth | Cllr Sade Bright (Labour) Cllr Daniel Beales (Labour) Cllr Callton Young OBE (Labour) Cllr Callton Young OBE (Labour) Cllr Linda Perks (Labour) Cllr Linda Perks (Labour) Cllr Carole Williams (Labour) Cllr Robert Benham (Conservative) Cllr Candice Atterton (Labour) Cllr Douglas Mills (Conservative) Cllr Douglas Mills (Conservative) Cllr Amanda de Ryk (Labour) Cllr Richard Clifton (Liberal Democrat) Mayor John Biggs (Labour) Cllr Clyde Loakes (Labour) Cllr Guy Senior (Conservative) |
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| Wandsworth Westminster | Cllr Guy Senior (Conservative) Cllr Rachel Robathan (Conservative) |
| Westminster | |

10. Appointment of London Councils Executive (including Portfolios)

Leaders' Committee agreed to establish an Executive comprising twelve members

- Cllr. Georgia Gould (Camden Labour) Chair
- **Clir Darren Rodwell** (Barking & Dagenham Labour) Deputy Chair Housing & Planning
- Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Bexley Conservative) Vice Chair
- Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Sutton Liberal Democrat) Vice Chair
- Ms Catherine McGuinness (City of London Corporation) Vice Chair
- Clir Muhammed Butt (Brent Labour) Welfare, Empowerment & Inclusion
- Cllr Clare Coghill (Waltham Forest Labour) Skills & Employment
- Mayor Philip Glanville (Hackney Labour) Transport & Environment
- **Cllr Elizabeth Campbell** (Kensington & Chelsea Conservative) Business, Europe and Good Growth
- **Cllr Damian White** (Havering Conservative) Schools & Children's Services (including Education, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding)
- Cllr Danny Thorpe (Greenwich Labour) Health & Care
- Clir Jas Athwal (Redbridge Labour) Crime & Public Protection

Substitutes: Labour: Cllr Clyde Loakes (Waltham Forest); Mayor John Biggs (Tower Hamlets)

Conservative: Cllr. Ravi Govindia CBE (Wandsworth)

Liberal Democrat: Cllr Gareth Roberts (Richmond).

11. Portfolios and Portfolio Holders and Party Leads 2021/22

| Policy area | Portfolio Holder/Chair | Party Lead and or Committee Vice Chair (Labour) | Party Lead (Conservative) | Party Lead (Liberal Democrat) |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Chair including: Finance and Resources Devolution and Public Service Reform | Cllr Georgia Gould (Chair of London Councils, Camden) | | Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Vice Chair London Councils, Bexley) | Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Vice Chair London Councils, Sutton) |
| Welfare, Empowerment & Inclusion | Cllr Muhammed Butt (Brent) | | Cllr Osman Dervish (Havering) | Cllr Emily Davey (Kingston) |
| Business, Economy and Culture | Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (RB Kensington & Chelsea) | Cllr Steve Curran (Hounslow) | | Cllr. J-F Burford (Richmond) |
| Transport & Environment | Mayor Philip Glanville (Chair of TEC, Hackney) | Cllr. Claire Holland (Vice Chair, Lambeth) | Cllr Peter Zinkin (Vice Chair, Barnet) | Cllr Manuel Abellan (Vice Chair, Sutton) |
| Housing & Planning | Cllr Darren Rodwell (& Deputy Chair of London Councils, Barking &Dagenham) | | Cllr Rachael Robathan (Westminster) | Cllr Jayne McCoy (Sutton) |
| Crime & Public Protection | Cllr Jas Athwal (Redbridge) | | Cllr Rachael Robathan (Westminster) | Cllr Gareth Roberts (Richmond) |
| Health & Care (including Adult Care Services) | Cllr Danny Thorpe (Greenwich) | | Cllr Jason Frost (Havering) | Cllr Piers Allen (Richmond) |
| Skills & Employment | Cllr Clare Coghill (Waltham Forest) | | Cllr Catherine Faulks (RBK&C) | Cllr Alison Holt (Kingston) |
| Schools & Children's Services (including Education, Children's Social Care and Safeguarding) | Damian White (Havering) | Cllr Nesil Caliskan (Enfield) | | Cllr Penny Frost (Richmond) |
| Greater London Employment/ Greater London Provincial Council | Mayor John Biggs (Tower Hamlets) | | Cllr Guy Senior (Wandsworth) | Cllr Richard Clifton (Sutton) |
| Grants | Mayor Damien Egan (Chair, Lewisham) | Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE (Vice Chair, Newham) | Cllr David Leaf (Vice Chair, Bexley) | Cllr Caroline Kerr (Vice Chair, Kingston) |
| Digital Lead | Mayor Philip Glanville (Hackney) | | Cllr Daniel Thomas (Barnet) | Cllr Jon Tolley (Kingston) |

- Labour: Cllr Clyde Loakes (Waltham Forest);
- Conservative: Cllr Ravi Govindia CBE (Wandsworth);
- Liberal Democrat: Cllr Gareth Roberts (Richmond).

12. Appointment of Audit Committee and election of its Chair and Deputy Chair – Five members:

Cllr Roger Ramsey (Chair, Havering - Conservative), Cllr Stephen Alambritis (Deputy Chair, Merton - Labour), Cllr. David Gardner (Greenwich - Labour), Cllr Robin Brown (Richmond-Liberal Democrat); Cllr Muhammed Butt (Brent – Labour)

Substitutes: Labour: Cllr Rebecca Lury (Southwark) Conservative: Cllr. Damian White (Havering) Lib-Dem: Cllr Liz Green (Kingston)

13. YPES Board

Two Members:

- Cllr Clare Coghill (Chair Waltham Forest, Labour)
- Cllr. Damian White (Havering, Conservative)

14. Approval of Panel Members for London Councils Independent Panel for Members Remuneration

Leaders' Committee noted the re-constitution of the Panel and the following:

- the reappointment of Sir Rodney Brooke CBE, DL;
- the reappointment of Dr Anne Watts CBE;
- the appointment of Mike Cooke, who will chair the Panel.

15. Constitutional matters

Leaders' Committee noted:

A: the most recent London Councils Standing Orders

- B: London Councils' Scheme of Delegations to Officers
- C: Terms of Reference for Sub Committees and forums

16. London Councils Committee Dates 2021-22 and 2022-23

Members noted the meeting dates as set out in the report.

The meeting ended at 11:50.



London Councils Leaders' Committee AGM

| Constitutional | Matters - Standing Orders Item 14a | | | |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Report by: | Christiane Jenkins Job title: Director, Corporate Governance | | | |
| Date: | 7 June 2022 | | | |
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| Summary: | This report proposes amendments to London Councils Standing Orders. | | | |
| Recommendation: | The Committee is recommended to: Agree the proposed amendments to London Councils Standing Orders, as detailed in this report and Appendix One. | | | |
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Background

- London Councils Standing Orders (SOs) are contained in Schedule 6 of the Leaders' Committee Governing Agreement. In accordance with section 27.2 of the SOs, they can be amended by a decision of London Councils Leaders' Committee. The SOs have been amended a number of times since 2001. The current version was last amended following Leaders' Committee on 8 June 2021.
- Section 5 Chair of Meeting. Section 5.1 has been amended to clarify the process for the election of a person to preside over a meeting in the event that the elected Chair is absent.
- Section 22 Delegations of Functions. Section 22.1 has been amended to remove reference to London Councils Forums which do not exercise functions.

Recommendation

 The Committee is recommended to: Agree the proposed amendments to London Councils Standing Orders, as detailed in this report and Appendix One.

Legal Implications for London Councils

4. Part 5A of the Local Government Act 1972 governs public access to meetings, agendas and reports, the inspection of minutes and background papers, etc. and applies to London Councils as a Joint Committee. From 7 June 2022, meetings will now be held in person, with a virtual (but non-voting) offer for members who are unable to attend in person.

Equalities Implications for London Councils

6. There are no specific equalities implications for London Councils.

Financial Implications for London Councils

7. There are no financial implications for London Councils.

Appendices:

• Appendix One: London Councils Standing Orders June 2022 with the proposed changes

Appendix One

Corporate Governance

Standing orders June 2021 June 2022

London Councils STANDING ORDERS¹

INTRODUCTION

These are the Standing Orders and rules of debate and procedure for the conduct of meetings of the London Councils joint committees. The Standing Orders apply to the London Councils' Leaders' Committee and, wherever appropriate, to the associated joint committees (the Grants Committee and London Councils Transport and Environment Committee), any sectoral joint committees, and any sub-committees (sometimes referred to as 'Panels') and forums of London Councils; and any reference to 'London Councils' is a collective reference to all of them. The Standing Orders have been drawn up having regard to Government best practice, guidance and statutory requirements.

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Standing Orders and the provisions of the Leaders' Committee Governing Agreement (which includes the London Grants Scheme) or the London Councils Transport and Environment Committee (LCTEC) Governing Agreement, the relevant provision of the Leaders' Committee Governing Agreement or the LCTEC Governing Agreement shall prevail.

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¹ Also known as Schedule 6 of London Councils Agreement, 2001

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1. MEETINGS

Generally

- 1.1 Leaders' Committee, its associated joint committees (the Grants Committee and the Transport and Environment Committee (TEC)) and any sectoral joint committees shall each hold a minimum of 2 meetings² each year, one of which shall be an annual general meeting.
- 1.2 Subject to 1.1 above, meetings of London Councils shall be called, and the procedure to be adopted at such meetings shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of these Standing Orders.
- 1.3 Any member London Local Authority may give written notice of an item to be placed on the Agenda for any meeting. All notices of items for agendas and reports for circulation with agenda must be received by the Chief Executive not less than ten working days prior to the meeting to which the agenda relates.
- 1.4 Each London Local Authority subscribing to Leaders' Committee, its associated joint committees, and any sectoral joint committee, shall be entitled to receive from the Chief Executive sufficient copies of the Agenda, papers and minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the joint committees and any Forums and sub-committees thereof.
- 1.5 Deputations shall be entitled, upon prior notification being given to the Chief Executive and at the discretion of the Chair, to attend and address the meeting for not more than ten minutes and to answer questions from members for a further ten minutes.

Calling Meetings

- 1.6 Meetings may be called by:
 - (i) Leaders' Committee, or the associated joint committee or sectoral joint committee by resolution;
 - (ii) the Chair of the relevant joint committee;
 - (iii) a requisition signed by not less than one third of the representatives, delivered to the Chief Executive at least ten working days before the date mentioned in the requisition.

² Any reference to meetings relates to formal, decision making meetings rather than 'for information' meetings

Business

1.7 The Summons to any such meeting shall set out the business to be transacted thereat, and no business other than that set out in the summons shall be considered at the meeting unless by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Annual Meetings of Leaders' Committee and associated joint committees and sectoral joint committees

Timing and Business

1.8 Leaders' Committee, each associated joint committee and each sectoral joint committee shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) before the end of July of each year.

The relevant joint committee will at its AGM:

- (i) appoint a Chair and up to three Vice Chairs;
- (ii) approve the minutes of the last meeting of that joint committee;
- (iii) receive the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;
- (iv) receive any announcements from the Chair and/or Head of Paid Service;
- (v) appoint such sub committees and forums as considered appropriate to deal with matters which are not otherwise reserved to London Councils, LCTEC, Grants Committee or any sectoral joint committee;
- (vi) decide the size and terms of reference for those sub committees and forums;
- (vii) decide the allocation of seats [and substitutes] to political groups² in accordance with the political balance rules, unless the terms of reference (or constitution) of a subcommittee or forum makes specific provision for the make_-up of its membership;

² Whilst not specifically bound by the legislation that governs this issue in borough councils, London Councils has operated on a similar basis to boroughs in recognising a party group as being one with two or more members which declare themselves as a group with a Leader. In the context of London Councils, members are the members of Leaders' Committee. No other metric - for example the overall proportion of London councillors – is used in determining proportionality among the groups. Current practice is that party groups are able to offer seats to other elected representatives but are under no obligation to do so.

- (viii) approve a programme of ordinary meetings for the joint committee, sub committee or forum for the year;
- (ix) consider any business set out in the notice convening the meeting.
- 1.9 London Councils Leaders' Committee will also:
 - (i) appoint a Deputy Chair;
 - (ii) agree the scheme of delegation to officers;
 - (iii) receive nominations of Councillors appointed to Committees by the participating London Local Authorities.
- 1.10 Transport and Environment Committee will also:
 - (i) receive a report recommending nominations to outside bodies.
- 1.11 Grants Committee will also:
 - (i) approve any delegations to sub-committees or Officers in relation to the management of the London Grants Scheme.

Ordinary meetings

- 1.12 Ordinary meetings of Leaders' Committee, the associated joint committees, and any sectoral joint committee, will take place in accordance with a programme decided at the relevant AGM. Ordinary meetings will:
 - (i) elect a person to preside if the Chair, Deputy Chair, or Vice Chairs are not present;
 - (ii) approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the last meeting;
 - (iii) receive any declarations of interest from members;
 - (iv) receive any announcements from the Chair or the Chief Executive;
 - (v) receive questions from, and provide answers to, the public in relation to matters which in the opinion of the person presiding at the meeting are relevant to the business of the meeting and the submission of which have complied with Standing Order 8;

- (vi) deal with any business from the last meeting;
- (vii) receive and consider reports/presentations from the London Councils subcommittees, forums and associated joint committees and receive questions and answers on any of those reports;
- (viii) receive nominations and make appointments to fill vacancies arising in respect of any sub-committee, forum or outside body for which the joint committee is responsible;
- (ix) receive and consider minutes of meetings, any sub committees and forums which have taken place since the joint committee last met.
- (x) consider motions; and
- (xi) consider any other business specified in the summons to the meeting.
- 1.13 The order of business of any associated committee shall be as shall be determined by the joint committee.
- 1.14 The Chair may at his/her discretion alter the order in which business is taken.
- 1.15 Leaders' Committee will also receive and consider minutes of meetings, of associated joint committees, any sectoral joint committee, and their sub committees as necessary and relevant to the operation and governance of London Councils.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Each London Local Authority, that is the 32 London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London, shall appoint its Leader as its representative to London Councils Leaders' Committee.
- 2.2 Each London Local Authority, that is the 32 London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London, shall make an appropriate appointment to London Councils Transport and Environment Committee.
- 2.3 Each London Local Authority, that is the 32 London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London, shall make an appropriate nomination to London Councils Grants Committee. Any nominations to Grants Committee must be a Cabinet Member or have appropriate delegated authority from their council.

- 2.4 Each London Local Authority that subscribes to a sectoral joint committee shall make an appropriate nomination to that sectoral joint committee, ensuring that nominees have the appropriate delegated authority.
- 2.5 The Chairs of each of the associated joint committees, any sectoral joint committee, any Forums or any sub-committees of Leaders' Committee shall also be entitled to sit ex officio (but not to vote in such capacity) on Leaders' Committee.
- 2.6 Any Lead Member appointed in respect of any issue by any of the London Councils joint committees shall be entitled to sit ex officio (but not to vote in such capacity) on Leaders' Committee.
- 2.7 London Councils may admit to membership such representatives of such other bodies as it considers appropriate or is required as the result of any legislation to admit from time to time on such terms as shall be agreed with such other bodies. Such representatives shall be entitled to sit ex officio but not to vote in such capacity.
- 2.8 The Chief Executive of each of the London Local Authorities or his/her nominated representative shall be entitled to attend as an observer but not to speak or vote at any meeting.

Deputy Representatives

2.9 If the appointed representative of a London Local Authority is unable to be present at a meeting of Leaders' Committee, an associated joint committee or sectoral joint committees, that member authority may be represented by a deputy who shall be duly appointed for the purpose. A deputy attending a meeting shall declare him/herself as such but shall otherwise be entitled to speak and vote as if he/she were a member of that London Councils committee.

Elected Officers

- 2.10 The following shall be the Elected Officers of Leaders' Committee:
 - (i) Chair
 - (ii) Deputy Chair
 - (iii) Vice Chairs
- 2.11 The following shall be the Elected Officers of the Transport and Environment Committee:

- (i) Chair
- (ii) Vice Chairs
- 2.12 The following shall be the Elected Officers of the Grants Committee:
 - (i) Chair
 - (ii) Vice Chairs
- 2.13 The following shall be the Elected Officers of any sectoral joint committee:
 - (i) Chair
 - (ii) Vice Chairs
- 2.14 The following shall be the Elected Officers of any sub-committee appointed by Leaders' Committee, associated joint committees or sectoral joint committees:
 - (i) Chair
 - (ii) Vice Chair/Deputy/s
- 2.15 The overall balance of which shall be such as to ensure proportional representation of party political groupings on London Councils.
- 2.16 In a year in which there are council elections, the elected officers of London Councils and all its member bodies shall cease to hold office on the day of the council elections and shall cease to be remunerated save that Leaders' Committee may, by agreement, decide to remunerate members for activity in pursuance of the discharge of the business of London Councils under SO 19.2. Notwithstanding, the outgoing Chair shall be able to preside at the subsequent AGM until a new Chair is elected.

3 TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

3.1 The date, time and place of meetings will be determined by the Chief Executive and notified in the summons.

4 NOTICE OF AND SUMMONS TO MEETINGS

- 4.1 The Chief Executive will give notice to the public of the time and place of any meeting in accordance with the Access to Information Rules
- 4.2 The Chief Executive shall, not less than five clear working days before the intended meetings of Leaders' Committee and any associated joint committee or sectoral joint committee,

circulate a notice thereof to each representative and deputy representative and the Town Clerk/Chief Executive or the nominated officer of every London Local Authority subscribing to Leaders' Committee, the associated committees or sectoral joint committee. The notice will give the date, time and place of each meeting and specify the business to be transacted, and will be accompanied by such reports as are available. Where the recipient has given consent for the summons to attend the meeting to be transmitted in electronic form to a particular electronic address (and consent has not been withdrawn), the summons may be sent in electronic form to that address.

4.3 Provided that the failure of any such notice to be delivered shall not affect the validity of the meeting or of the business transacted thereat. Provided also that at times it may be necessary to circulate reports in a second despatch or to circulate them at themeeting.

5 CHAIR OF MEETING

- 5.1 At every meeting the Chair if present shall preside. If, at the meeting, -the Chair is absent the Deputy Chair if present, shall preside. If both the Chair and the Deputy Chair are absent a Vice Chair if present, shall preside. Where there is more than one Vice Chair, the Vice Chair representing the largest political group will preside. If neither the Chair, Deputy Chair or a Vice Chair is present, the meeting shall elect one of its present members to preside. If the Chair and Deputy Chair notify their absence in advance of the meeting, the Chair will be invited to identify a committee member from their party who would be able to Chair the meeting in their absence.
- 5.2 For the purposes of these Standing Orders references to the Chair, in the context of the conduct of business at meetings, shall mean the person presiding under this Standing Order.
- <u>5.3</u> The person presiding at the meeting may exercise any power or duty of the Chair. Where these rules apply to sub-committee or forum meetings, references to the Chair also include the chair of sub-committees or forums.

6 QUORUM

6.1 The quorum shall be one third of, or the number nearest to one third, but not less than three Members (except for the quorum for Audit Committee, which because of both its size and the nature of its business is a special case and therefore is only two) entitled to be present at Leaders' Committee, and any associated joint committees, sectoral joint committees or sub committees of London Councils.

- 6.2 If within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting to commence, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- 6.3 Remaining business will be considered at a time and date fixed by the Chair. If he/she does not fix a date, the remaining business will be considered at the next ordinary meeting.
- 6.4 If, during the meeting, the person presiding, after causing the number of members present to be counted, declares that there is not a quorum present, the meeting shall stand adjourned for fifteen minutes. If, after fifteen minutes there is still no quorum present, the meeting shall be brought to an end and all business not completed before the meeting has been brought to an end shall be postponed to the next meeting, whether ordinary or extraordinary.
- 6.5 If during the meeting any member absents themselves permanently making the meeting inquorate, the meeting will stand adjourned.

7 DURATION OF MEETING

7.1 Subject to Standing Order 27 (suspension of Standing Orders) if, after two and a halfhours after the time appointed for the start of the meeting, the business on the agenda has not been completed, the meeting of London Councils or any associated committee or sectoral joint committee shall automatically adjourn and any debate then proceeding shall be suspended and all business unfinished shall stand adjourned to the next meeting, unless otherwise directed by the meeting Chair

8 **DEPUTATIONS**

8.1 Deputations shall be entitled, upon prior notification being given to the Chief Executive and at the discretion of the Chair, to attend and address meetings of London Councils for not more than ten minutes and to answer questions from members of London Councils for a further ten minutes.

9 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Notice

9.1 Except for motions which can be moved without notice under Standing Order 10 or consideration of any matters of urgency brought forward by leave of the Chair, written notice of every motion, signed by at least 5 members, must be delivered to the Chief Executive not later than 10 clear days before the date of the meeting and clear days are deemed to

exclude the day of delivery, the day of the meeting and any Sunday. These will be open to public inspection.

Motions set out in agenda

9.2 Motions for which notice has been given will be listed on the agenda in the order in which notice was received, unless the member giving notice states, in writing, that they propose to move it to a later meeting or withdraw it.

Scope

9.3 Motions must be about matters for which London Councils has a responsibility.

10 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

- 10.1 The following motions may be moved without notice:
 - (i) to appoint a chair of the meeting at which the motion is moved;
 - (ii) in relation to the accuracy of the minutes;
 - (iii) to change the order of business in the agenda;
 - (iv) to refer something to an appropriate body or individual;
 - (v) to appoint a sub committee or member arising from an item on the summons for the meeting;
 - (vi) to receive reports or adoption of recommendations of committees or sub committees or officers and any resolutions following from them;
 - (vii) to withdraw a motion;
 - (viii) to amend a motion;
 - (ix) to proceed to the next business;
 - (x) that the question be now put;

- (xi) to adjourn a debate;
- (xii) to adjourn a meeting;
- (xiii) that the meeting continue beyond two and a half hours in duration;
- (xiv) to suspend a particular Standing Order;
- (xv) to exclude the public and press in accordance with the Access to Information Rules;
- (xvi) to not hear further a member named under Standing Order 17.1 or to exclude them from the meeting under Standing Order 17.2; and
- (xvii) to give the consent of London Councils where its consent is required by this Agreement.

11 RULES OF DEBATE

Speakers to Address the Chair

11.1 All speakers shall address the Chair. All members shall preserve order whilst the speaker is speaking. A speaker shall give way if the Chair rises.

No discussion until motion seconded

11.2 A motion or amendment shall not be discussed until it has been proposed and seconded.

Right to require motion in writing

11.3 Unless notice of the motion has already been given, the Chair may require it to be written down and handed to him/her before it is discussed.

Mover and seconder's speech

11.4 The mover and seconder of a motion shall be deemed to have spoken thereon. When seconding a motion or amendment, a member may reserve their speech until later in the debate.

Content and length of speeches

11.5 Speeches must be directed to the question under discussion or to a personal explanation or point of order. The mover of a motion shall be allowed 5 minutes and the seconder and succeeding speakers 3 minutes each. The time limit for speakers may be extended by an affirmative vote of the members.

When a member may speak again

- 11.6 A member who has spoken on a motion may not speak again whilst it is the subject of debate, except:
 - (i) to speak once on an amendment moved by another member;
 - to move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since he/she last spoke;
 - (iii) if his/her first speech was on an amendment moved by another member, to speak on the main issue (whether or not the amendment on which he/she spoke was carried);
 - (iv) by the mover of an original motion in exercise of a right of reply, and this shall close the discussion.

Amendments to motions

- 11.7 An amendment to a motion must be relevant to the motion and will either be:
 - (i) to refer the matter to an appropriate body or individual for consideration or reconsideration;
 - (ii) to leave out words;
 - (iii) to leave out words and insert or add others; or
 - (iv) to insert or add words;

as long as the effect of (ii) to (iv) is not to negate the motion.

- 11.8 Only one amendment may be moved and discussed at any one time. No further amendment may be moved until the amendment under discussion has been disposed of.
- 11.9 If an amendment is not carried, other amendments to the original motion may be moved.
- 11.10 If an amendment is carried, the motion as amended takes the place of the original motion. This becomes the substantive motion to which any further amendments are moved.
- 11.11 After an amendment has been carried, the Chair will read out the amended motion before accepting any further amendments, or if there are none, put it to the vote.

Alteration of motion

- 11.12 A member may alter a motion of which he/she has given notice with the consent of the meeting. The meeting's consent will be signified without discussion.
- 11.13 A member may alter a motion which he/she has moved without notice with the consent of both the meeting and the seconder. The meeting's consent will be signified without discussion.
- 11.14 Only alterations which could be made as an amendment may be made.

Withdrawal of motion

11.15 A member may withdraw a motion which he/she has moved with the consent of both the meeting and the seconder. The meeting's consent will be signified without discussion. No member may speak on the motion after the mover has asked permission to withdraw it unless permission is refused.

Right of reply

- 11.16 The mover of any original motion, but not of any amendment, may reply to the discussion for a period of not more than 3 minutes without introducing new material and this shall close the discussion.
- 11.17 If an amendment is moved, the mover of the original motion has the right of reply at the close of the debate on the amendment, but may not otherwise speak on it.

11.18 The mover of the amendment has no right of reply to the debate on his or her amendment.

Motions which may be moved during debate

- 11.19 When a motion is under debate, no other motion may be moved except the following procedural motions:
 - (i) to withdraw a motion;
 - (ii) to amend a motion;
 - (iii) to proceed to the next business;
 - (iv) that the question be now put;
 - (v) to adjourn a debate;
 - (vi) to adjourn a meeting;
 - (vii) that the meeting continue beyond two and a half hours in duration;
 - (viii) to exclude the public and press in accordance with the Access to Information Rules; and
 - (ix) to not hear further a member named under Standing Order 17.1 or to exclude them from the meeting under Standing Order 17.2.

Closure motions

- 11.20 A member may move, without comment, the following motions at the end of a speech of another member:
 - (i) to proceed to the next business;
 - (ii) that the question be now put;
 - (iii) to adjourn a debate; or

- (iv) to adjourn a meeting.
- 11.21 If a motion to proceed to next business is seconded and the Chair thinks the item has been sufficiently discussed, he or she will give the mover of the original motion a right of reply and then put the procedural motion to the vote.
- 11.22 If a motion that the question be now put is seconded and the Chair thinks the item has been sufficiently discussed, he/she will put the procedural motion to the vote. If it is passed he/she will give the mover of the original motion a right of reply before putting his/her motion to the vote.
- 11.23 If a motion to adjourn the debate or to adjourn the meeting is seconded and the Chair thinks the item has not been sufficiently discussed and cannot reasonably be so discussed on that occasion, he/she will put the procedural motion to the vote without giving the mover of the original motion the right of reply.

Point of order

- 11.24 A member may raise a point of order at any time. The Chair will hear them immediately. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of these Standing Orders or the law. The member must indicate the rule or law and the way in which he/she considers it has been broken. The ruling of the Chair on the matter will be final.
- 11.25 A speaker may give way to a point of information, and must give way to a point of order if it is accepted by the Chair.

Personal explanation

11.26 A member may make a personal explanation at any time. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate. The ruling of the Chair on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final.

Ruling of Chair

11.27 The Chair shall decide all questions of order and his/her ruling upon such questions or upon matters arising in debate shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

12 PREVIOUS DECISIONS AND MOTIONS

Motion to rescind a previous decision

12.1 A motion or amendment to rescind a decision made at a meeting of London Councils within the past six months cannot be moved unless the notice of motion is signed by at least 5 members.

Motion similar to one previously rejected

12.2 A motion or amendment in similar terms to one that has been rejected at a meeting in the past six months cannot be moved unless the notice of motion or amendment is signed by at least 5 members. Once the motion or amendment is dealt with, no one can propose a similar motion or amendment for six months.

13 VOTING

- 13.1 One representative from each London Local Authority subscribing to Leaders' Committee and its associated joint committees or sectoral joint committees shall be entitled to vote on behalf of his/her authority in each meeting of Leaders' Committee, either associated joint committees.
- 13.2 Subject to Clause 11.1, 12.1 of the Leaders' Committee Governing Agreement and Standing Order 21.1, and any provisions of this Agreement or the LCTEC Governing Agreement requiring unanimity, questions arising at any meeting of London Councils shall be determined by a show of hands and shall be decided by a simple majority of votes.
- 13.3 At Transport and Environment Committee representatives from Transport for London or any London local authority, shall only be entitled to speak or vote or receive papers in respect of functions which they have delegated to the Transport and Environment Committee and shall not be counted as part of the quorum except in respect of those functions.

Equality of votes

13.4 In the case of an equality of votes at the annual meeting and on motions to suspend or amend the Standing Orders under Standing Order 27 at ordinary meetings, each of the party Group Leaders shall have second or casting votes.

- 13.5 Subject to 13.4 above, in the case of an equality of votes at ordinary meetings of London Councils, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote to be exercised in accordance with 13.6 below.
- 13.6 Where the Chair exercises a casting vote under Standing Order 13.5 above it will be used only for one or more of the following purposes:
 - (i) to permit further discussion of an issue;
 - (ii) to maintain the status quo;
 - to ensure that London Councils meets any legal obligations or any requirements of the London Councils Agreement or London Councils' Standing Orders.
- 13.7 On the requisition of any representative made before any vote is taken on a motion or an amendment, and supported by five representatives, the voting shall be recorded so as to show how each representative present and voting voted. The name of any representative present and not voting shall also be recorded.
- 13.8 Where any member requests it immediately after the vote is taken, their vote will be so recorded in the minutes to show whether they voted for or against the motion or abstained from voting.

Voting on appointments to London Councils Committees

13.9 If there are more than two people nominated for any position to be filled and there is not a clear majority of votes in favour of one person, then the name of the person with the least number of votes will be taken off the list and a new vote taken. The process will continue until there is a majority of votes for one person.

14 MINUTES

Agreeing the minutes

- 14.1 The Chair will move that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record.
- 14.2 Where in relation to any meeting, the next meeting for the purpose of agreeing the minutes is a meeting called under paragraph 3 of schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 (an Extraordinary Meeting), then the next following meeting (being a meeting called otherwise than under that paragraph) will be treated as a suitable meeting for the purposes of

paragraph 41(1) and (2) of schedule 12 relating to agreeing of minutes.

Form of minutes

14.3 Minutes will contain all motions and amendments in the exact form and order the Chairput them.

15 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

15.1 At every meeting, the Clerk to the Meeting will record the attendance of each representative of a member authority and all other representatives present in accordance with Standing Order 2 (Membership).

16 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

16.1 Members of the public and press may only be excluded either in accordance with the Access to Information Rules or Standing Order 18.

17 MEMBERS' CONDUCT

Member not to be heard further

17.1 If a member persistently disregards the ruling of the Chair by behaving improperly or offensively or deliberately obstructs business, the Chair may move that the member be not heard further. If seconded, the motion will be voted on without discussion.

Member to leave the meeting

17.2 If the member continues to behave improperly after such a motion is carried, the Chair may move that either the member leaves the meeting or that the meeting is adjourned for a specified period. If seconded, the motion will be voted on without discussion.

General disturbance

17.3 If there is a general disturbance making orderly business impossible, the Chair may adjourn the meeting for as long as he/she thinks necessary.

18 DISTURBANCE BY PUBLIC

Removal of member of the public

18.1 If a member of the public interrupts proceedings, the Chair will warn the person concerned. If they continue to interrupt, the Chair will order their removal from the meeting room.

Adjournment

18.2 In the event of a general disturbance which, in the opinion of the Chair renders the due and orderly dispatch of business impossible, the Chair, in addition to any other power vested in the Chair, may without question adjourn the meeting for such period as in the Chair's discretion shall be considered expedient.

19 URGENCY

- 19.1 If at any time the Chief Executive of London Councils considers that any matter is urgent and should be decided on prior to the next meeting of London Councils, then he/she shall consult the Elected Officers of London Councils. If at least two of the Elected Officers, of whom one will be the Chair, if available, and the other will be from another political party or no party, agree in writing that the matter is urgent and agree on the Chief Executive's recommendation, then the decision shall be taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with such recommendation.
- 19.2 In the event the provisions of Standing Order 19.1 are inoperable following local government elections and there is a need for urgent action, the Chief Executive is authorised to take executive action having consulted as appropriate, such action to be reported to the next meeting of London Councils.
- 19.3 The Elected Officers of London Councils and the Chief Executive may nominate persons to act in their absence for the purposes of this Standing Order.
- 19.4 A copy of the record of a decision taken under this Standing Order shall be kept at the office of the Chief Executive.
- 19.5 All decisions taken under this Standing Order shall be reported to the next meeting of London Councils.
- 19.6 The urgency procedure to be followed by Transport and Environment Committee is as in 19.1-19.5 above, with the substitution of "Director, Transport & Mobility" for "Chief Executive" and referring to the Elected Officers of the Transport and Environment

Committee.

- 19.7 The urgency procedure to be followed by the Grants Committee is as in 19.1-19.5 above, with the substitution of "the Planning and Strategy Director" for "Chief Executive" and referring to the Elected Officers of the Grants Committee.
- 19.8 The urgency procedure to be followed by the Greater London Provincial Council is as in 19.1-19.5 above, with the substitution of "the Head of London Regional Employers Organisation" for "Chief Executive" and referring to the Elected Officers of the Greater London Provincial Council.
- 19.9 The urgency procedure for any sectoral joint committees is as in 19.1-19.5 above, referring to the Elected Officers of the appropriate sectoral joint committee and a senior Officer designated by the committee.
- 19.10 The urgency procedure to be followed by any sub-committee appointed by Leaders' Committee, associated joint committees or sectoral joint committees is as in 19.1 – 19.5 above, referring to the Elected Officers of that sub-committee and the senior officer, designated by that sub-committee.

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 20.1 If a member is present at a meeting of London Councils Leaders' Committee or any of its associated joint committees or any sub-committees or any sectoral joint committee and has a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations") relating to any business that is or will be considered at the meeting, that member must not:
 - participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if on becoming aware of the disclosable pecuniary interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business; or
 - (ii) participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.
- 20.2 These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.
- 20.3 It is a matter for each member to decide whether they should leave the room while an item that they have an interest in is being discussed. In arriving at a decision as to whether to

leave the room they may wish to have regard to their home authority's code of conduct and/or the Seven (Nolan) Principles of Public Life.

- 20.4 In certain circumstances, London Councils may under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011 granta dispensation to permit a member to take part in the business notwithstanding that the member has a disclosable pecuniary interest relating to that business. These circumstances are where London Councils considers that:
 - (i) without the dispensation so great a proportion of London Councils members would be prohibited from participating in that business as to impede London Councils transaction of that business;
 - (ii) without the dispensation the representation of different political groups dealing with that business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote;
 - (iii) the granting of the dispensation is in the interests of people living in the London Councils' area;³
 - (iv) without the dispensation each member of the London Councils Executive would be prohibited from participating in the business; or
 - (v) it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.
- 20.5 If a member wishes to apply for a dispensation, they must make a written application to be received not less than three working days before the meeting setting out the grounds for the application to the officer responsible for processing such requests.⁴
- 20.6 A member must declare any private interests, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary, including membership of any Trade Union that relate to any public duties and must take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest, including registering and declaring interests.

21 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

21.1 London Councils Leaders' Committee shall by a majority of at least two-thirds of those representatives present at the meeting and entitled to a vote in respect of each of those functions, approve by no later than 31st January in each year the subscriptions or contributions payable by the London Local Authorities for each of the groups of functions set

³ The London Councils area is that area covered by the London boroughs and the City of London

⁴ That person designated by the scheme of delegation, currently (June 2016) the Chief Executive

out in Schedule 2. If London Councils fails to agree by such date the subscriptions or contributions for the ensuing financial year, then that subscription or contribution shall be at the same amount as the subscription for the current financial year. The annual budget (including any contingency sum) in respect of any function shall not be exceeded without the prior approval of a two-thirds majority of the representatives of those London Local Authorities who are present at the meeting to which the proposal to exceed the budget is under consideration and authorised to vote.

- 21.2 Contributions to the London Grants Scheme, at schedule 5 of the Leaders' Committee Governing Agreement (as substituted by the variation to that Agreement dated 1 February 2004).
- 21.3 Contributions to London Councils Transport and Environment Committee are as set out in the LCTEC Governing Agreement dated 13 December 2001 (as amended).
- 21.4 Any sectoral joint committee shall approve the subscriptions payable by each London Local Authority subscribing thereto in such a manner as shall be determined by such sectoral joint committee as set out in the London Councils Governing Agreement.

22 DELEGATIONS OF FUNCTIONS

22.1 London Councils, its associated joint committees, sectoral joint committees, or subcommittee thereof and any Forum of London Councils may delegate to officers such of their functions as are permissible under statute and may, in relation to any of those functions, require that the exercise of those functions be subject to such conditions as London Councils deems fit to impose, including, where appropriate, prior consultation with the Leading Member on London Councils of each political party or group before taking such action.

23 SUPPLY OF INFORMATION TO MEMBERS

- 23.1 Members of London Councils, its associated joint committees, sectoral joint committees or sub-committee thereof and any Forums of London Councils, shall be entitled to receive from officers such information as they may require in order to enable them to carry out their duties as members of such committee or sub-committee.
- 23.2 In addition, the leading members on London Councils of each political party or group shall be entitled to receive briefings and briefing papers from officers on the same basis as the Chair.

24 MEETINGS WITH OUTSIDE BODIES

24.1 A representative of each political party or group shall be entitled to be notified of and to attend any meeting with an outside body at which a Member of London Councils is present and which has been arranged on behalf of London Councils. (This Standing Order shall not apply to those meetings convened by political advisers.)

25 SUB-COMMITTEES, FORUMS ETC OF LONDON COUNCILS

- 25.1 London Councils shall establish sub-committees to discharge the functions set out in Schedule 2 and such further sub-committees, forums and consultative groups as it considers appropriate.
- 25.2 All or any of the London Local Authorities wishing to delegate a function to London Councils or any sectoral joint committee may request London Councils' consent to the delegation of such function in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 25.3 The terms of reference of any consultative group of London Councils shall be subject to the approval of London Councils.
- 25.4 The Chair and Deputy Chair of London Councils shall be ex-officio members of every and any sub-committee but shall not be entitled to speak or vote at such meetings in that capacity.

26 ACCESS TO MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS

- 26.1 Admission of members of the public to meetings of London Councils, any associated committee, sectoral joint committee any sub- committee thereof and any Forum and access to documents thereof shall be in accordance with the Access to Information legislation in force from time to time.
- 26.2 Applications to film or record meetings of London Councils are requested 48 hours before the meeting. Filming will be permitted in accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and any relevant guidance issued by the government at the relevant time.

27 SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

Suspension

27.1 Any of these Standing Orders except Standing Orders 13.7, 14.2 and 27.2 may be suspended at any meeting, in respect of any business on the agenda for such meeting, provided that the majority of the representatives of authorities in membership of London Councils or its associated who are present and entitled to vote so decide PROVIDED THAT any suspension hereunder complies with any legislation in force from time to time.

Variation and Revocation

27.2 Any addition to, or variation or revocation of these Standing Orders shall be by majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at any meeting of London Councils or its associated committees. Any motion to vary or revoke these Standing Orders shall require confirmation at the next ordinary meeting of London Councils or associated committee as the case may be before the proposed variation or revocation shall have effect PROVIDED THAT any addition, variation or revocation hereunder complies with any legislation in force from time to time.



London Councils Leaders' Committee AGM

Constitutional Matters - Scheme of Item 14b Delegations

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| Date: | 7 June 2022 | | |
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| Summary: | ummary: This report requests approval of the proposed London Councils Scheme of Delegations, which encompasses amendments to reflect the current officer structure of London Councils. | | |
| Recommendatic | Approve the Lor at Appendix Or | mmended to: ndon Councils Scheme of Delegations to officers ne, including the relevant amendments to 2 and Part A of Appendix A. | |

Background

- In line with London Councils Standing Orders, London Councils Scheme of Delegations to Officers is approved annually at Leaders' Committee AGM, although additional delegations may be made during the year. The current Scheme was approved at Leaders' Committee AGM on 8 June 2021. No changes have been made since that time.
 - 2. London Councils' joint committees have retained the authority to make decisions on policy and service provision and have delegated to officers the administrative functions relating to the running of London Councils.
 - 3. The Scheme of Delegations to Officers reflects the current structure of London Councils and enables effective and transparent decision-making processes. It does not seek to repeat the delegations contained within the Governing Agreements in full, only repeating them if it enhances the usefulness and clarity of the relevant delegation. The Scheme also does not repeat the specific delegations granted to the Director, Corporate Resources, where the responsibilities are included within the financial regulations. The Scheme of Delegations to Officers refers largely to administrative functions such as staffing, which are delegated in the first instance to the Chief Executive.

Proposed changes since last AGM

A small number of changes are proposed to the Scheme of Delegation since the last AGM, to recognise the revised officer structure within London Councils. The changes are:

• Sections 7 and 8: these sections, relating to the nomination of a Deputy to assume authority in the absence of the Chief Executive, have been revised following the deletion of the post of Deputy Chief Executive

- Paragraph 12: all references to Corporate Management Board (CMB) now replaced with Corporate Management Team (CMT)
- Appendix A Part A: Renumbering; duplicate change as in paragraph 12 referred to above also made to the opening text and function 26 (as renumbered); function 2 replaced to reflect the current statutory provisions; function 28 (as renumbered): change of job role from Corporate Governance Manager to Head of Governance and Data Protection.

Recommendation

- 4. The Committee is recommended to:
 - Approve the London Councils Scheme of Delegations to officers at Appendix One, including the relevant amendments to sections 7, 8, 12 and Part A of Appendix A.

Legal Implications for London Councils

5. It is important that London Councils' joint committees properly delegate the exercise of functions to Officers in a manner which is consistent with the relevant Governing Agreements, and any legal restrictions on delegable functions, to ensure that the work of London Councils (through Leaders' Committee, Grants Committee and LCTEC) is delivered efficiently and effectively, and to avoid giving rise to any possible grounds for challenge to decisions made pursuant to those delegation.

Equalities Implications for London Councils

6. There are no specific equalities implications for London Councils.

Financial Implications for London Councils

7. There are no financial implications for London Councils.

Appendices:

Appendix One: London Councils Scheme of Delegations to Officers - June 2022 with the proposed changes.

Appendix One

Scheme of delegations to officers October 2020June 20212

Scheme of Delegations to Officers

INTRODUCTION

London Councils¹ may, and only in a manner consistent with the London Councils Governing Agreements²:

- (i) delegate to officers of London Councils those of its functions as are permitted by statute to be delegated; and
- (ii) in relation to any of those functions, require that the exercise of those functions be subject to such conditions as London Councils deems fit to impose, including, where appropriate, prior consultation with the leading member on London Councils of each political party or group before taking such action.³

London Councils must formally resolve to delegate the exercise of one or more of their functions to officers by either:

- (i) a decision taken at a meeting of London Councils i.e., on a case-by-case basis;
- (ii) agreeing a general scheme of delegations to officers.

This document is the general scheme of delegations to London Councils officers. It is not the intention of this document to reproduce details of functions which have been delegated to officers under the London Councils Governing Agreements⁴. This document will, however, be kept under annual review and any additional general delegations to officers which may be made by London Councils throughout the year, will be considered for inclusion in this scheme as part of that review.

As a general rule, the functions delegated to the London Councils joint committees and their sub committees reflect the purpose of the organisation in best representing the interests of the 32 London Boroughs and the City of London. Decisions about policy directions, lobbying and scope of services remain reserved to Member Committees unless specifically delegated on an issue by issue basis. The authority to manage the administrative aspects of the organisation's work has been delegated to officers within the conditions specified below to enable the effective and efficient running of the organisation.

¹ The reference to London Councils in this Scheme of Delegations to Officers encompasses any joint committee of elected Members (including Leaders' Committee, the London Councils Transport and Environment Committee, Grants Committee and the London Pensions CIV Sectoral Joint Committee, and any of their sub-committees authorised to take decisions).

² The London Councils (Leaders' Committee) Governing Agreement, dated 13 December 2001 (as amended); and the London Councils Transport and Environment Committee Governing Agreement, dated 13 December 2001 (as amended).

³ Paragraph 22 of Schedule 6 (Standing Orders) of the London Councils (Leaders' Committee) Governing Agreement, dated 13 December 2001 (as amended).

⁴ Op cit, footnote 3.

Section 1 - General Conditions Of Delegations To Officers

Day-to-Day Management

- 1. The Chief Executive and the Directors of any corporate service (and their nominated deputies) shall, in accordance with this Scheme of Delegations, have authority delegated to them for carrying out the day-to-day management of the London Councils services for which they are responsible. (Day-to-day management should include those items which have been recognised as such by past practice or by specific decision/resolution of a committee, or where the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Director, agrees is ancillary to or analogous with matters accepted as being within the scope of day-to-day business exercisable by officers of London Councils). This includes authority to:
 - (a) appoint and manage staff in accordance with agreed policies and procedures, having regard to Section 2. below;
 - (b) place orders and enter into contracts for the supply of goods and services in line with the Financial Regulations and to authorise or incur any other expenditure for which provision has been made in the appropriate budget subject to limits set out in the Financial Regulations and subject to these not being in conflict with existing contracts.

Limitations

- 2. Any exercise of delegated powers by officers shall comply with London Councils current Financial Regulations⁵ and Standing Orders. The Financial Regulations will not form part of this scheme but must be read alongside it.
- 3. The Chief Executive will have the authority to extend an existing policy or procedure only if it relates to the internal administration of the organisation and when exercised subject to the conditions below.
- 4. The Chief Executive, the Finance Officer (Director of Corporate Resources), and any other person authorised under the Financial Regulations, will have the authority to negotiate and agree minor variations to contracts, to write off debts and to undertake all other actions authorised under the Financial Regulations
- 5. With the exception of policies referred to in paragraph 3, any exercise of delegated powers shall not involve a new policy or extend an existing policy of the organisation unless the Chief Executive is acting under the urgency procedures as contained in the current Standing Orders⁶.
- 6. Any delegation to the Chief Executive or the Finance Officer may be exercised by any officer authorised by the Chief Executive or the Finance Officer (as the case may be) either generally or specifically for the purpose (except where restrictions exist in employment policies which have been agreed in accordance with Section 2 below).
- 7. The Chief Executive will-<u>arrange on a rotational basis for another member of the Corporate</u> <u>Management Team nominate_the Deputy Chief Executive_</u>to assume authority to exercise all powers delegated to-<u>the Chief Executive him_in-his_their</u> absence.
- 8. In the event of the Chief Executive being unexpectedly indisposed, authority will be granted to the <u>Deputy Chief Executive</u> <u>Strategy Director: London's Communities</u>, <u>Strategy Director: London's</u> <u>Future and Places or Strategy Director: Local Government and Finance</u> to take over as interim Chief Executive until such time as Elected Officers are able to determine what temporary or transitional arrangements will apply following such indisposition (or death).

⁵ Current Financial Regulations dated 5/6/18

⁶ Current Standing orders dated <u>+13</u>+/7<u>10/2020</u>+7

- 9. The Chief Executive may exercise any delegated function in the absence of an officer to whom that authority has been specifically delegated.
- 10. All delegations are without prejudice to the overriding rights and powers of a London Councils' joint committee or decision-making sub-committee to exercise those functions delegated to it. Any officer may refer a matter to a London Councils joint committee or decision-making sub-committee in lieu of exercising delegated powers.
- 11. Subject to the foregoing conditions, and to any special conditions which may have been or may in future be applied in respect of particular matters, the Chief Executive will be expected to make such decisions and to take such action as he/she deems necessary in the interests of the efficient running of the organisation and the services provided and administered.

Section 2 - Staffing Delegations

- 12. The Chief Executive has been granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Corporate Management BoardTeam (CMBCMT), to approve policies and procedures relating to human resources and corporate policies and procedures⁷ subject to the following conditions;
 - (a) any policy relating to internal organisational functions which also applies to Members will be referred to the London Councils' (Leaders) Executive Sub-Committee for approval;
 - (b) all new or amended policies relating to the internal administration of the organisation will only be approved following consultation with the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC);
 - (c) in the event that <u>CMBCMT</u> and the JCC are unable to reach an agreement on the terms of a policy that policy will be referred to the London Councils' (Leaders) Executive Committee for approval;
 - (d) any delegations to officers made in accordance with these policies and procedures shall be considered_τ to be general delegations from the Chief Executive or the Finance Officer (as the case may be) in accordance with paragraph 6 above.
- 13. In addition, the Director of Corporate Governance is authorised to sign all contracts of employment⁸ and settlement agreements, once the appropriate post approval form (PAF) has been signed and/or in accordance with the relevant employment policies and procedures which have been agreed in accordance with paragraph 12 above.

Section 3 – Officers authorised for certain purposes

- 14. In accordance with the specific statutory functions delegated to the London Councils joint committees or otherwise to allow the proper and efficient exercise of those functions in accordance with section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, officers have been individually authorised to act in respect of particular matters (i.e. they are an "authorised officer" for those purposes). Where permitted under the applicable legislation these powers may be further delegated, whether specifically or generally, to another officer to act in the absence of the proper officer.
- 15. The Chief Executive has been appointed:
 - (a) to act as the "proper officer" for the purposes of the Access to Information provisions of the

⁷ Corporate policies and procedures would include, but not be limited to, the <u>employees</u> code of conduct, health and safety and information management policies

⁸ Including secondment agreements

Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) except insofar as such powers have been specifically delegated to another officer; and

- (b) to be responsible for the preparation of papers for London Councils Member Body meetings, the preparation of minutes and the promulgation of decisions of such meetings.
- 16. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the relevant sub-committee, will have the authority to amend the programme of ordinary meetings approved by the relevant joint committee for the sub-committees it appoints at its AGM in accordance with Standing Order 1.8. as required throughout the year.
- 17. The Director, Corporate Resources (Finance Officer) has been appointed to act as the proper officer for the purposes of Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. The officer to be responsible for the proper administration of London Councils' financial affairs and to issue a report to Members if there is or is likely to be unlawful expenditure or an unbalanced budget.
- 18. Additional delegations to named officers, some of which do not strictly apply to London Councils but which are adopted as a matter of best practice to allow the proper and efficient exercise of the functions delegated to the London Councils joint committees, in accordance with section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, are set out in Appendix A with reference to the relevant legislative provisions.

Section 4 - Nominations of elected members to outside bodies

- 19. The Chief Executive has delegated authority to nominate elected Members to serve on outside bodies subject to:
 - (a) those decision being taken in accordance with guidelines agreed by the London Councils Appointments Panel (set out at paragraph 20 below);
 - (b) having regard to the Nolan principles, and
 - (c) those decisions being reported to the next meeting of the Appointments Panel.⁹
- 20. Nominations will be made by the Chief Executive under paragraph 19 in consultation with elected Members. In making nominations, the Chief Executive will first apply the **Particular Principles** at (a) below but will also seek to ensure that nothing is done to depart from the **General Principles** at (b) below. Regard should also be had to the **General Conditions** at (c), below.

(a) Particular Principles

- (i) <u>In cases where a single</u> nomination <u>is required</u>, in first instance the relevant portfolio-holder will be considered and if that is not a suitable appointment then the Chief Executive will consult elected Members on an alternative candidate.
- (ii) In cases where an outside body requires more than a single nomination-

The first principle to be applied in such cases is any reasonable external requirement placed on London Councils in making the nomination

The second principle to be applied, if the first principle does not obtain, is the number of nominations made from each political party shall reflect the balance of

⁹ In accordance with the decision of the London Councils' Executive acting in their capacity as its Appointments Panel on 29 May 2012

the parties represented on Leaders' Committee at that time.¹⁰

(b) 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 nominated to has expressed to London Councils¹¹.
- (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 and skills, stability of service, diversity as well as the Nolan principles set out below and the Chief Executive may, in consultation with elected Members, override the Particular 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.¹²

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 elected Members of the City of London Corporation when making any nominations to outside bodies.

(c) General conditions

- (i) When a nominee to an outside body ceases to be an elected 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' (Leaders) Executive Sub-Committee in May¹³ of each year, a report will be brought to that meeting setting out the total number of nominations made to outside bodies for each of the political parties with a calculation of how this reflects the agreed principles (above)

¹² 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.

⁴⁰ For example the mechanism employed in determining the number of nominations for each political party made by London-Councils to the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority is set out in legislation – the Greater London Authority Act 1990. This will be determined by the application of the d'Hondt formula

¹¹ For example, outside bodies occasionally ask for cross-party appointments

¹³ Except in an election year, when the report will be presented as soon as is practicable

for nominations, and the variation from the balance of the parties on Leaders' Committee. That report may also contain recommendations to rectify any variations that may exist.

Section 5 – Appointments to Young People's Education and Skills Board-(YPES Board)

21. The YPES Board_-is a Forum (or sub-committee) of London Councils Leaders' Committee which operates under a constitution (terms of reference) approved by Leaders' Committee in accordance with Standing Orders. Leaders' Committee has the power to approve the appointment of representatives to the YPES Board_-upon their nomination by those organisations who are members of the Board. On behalf of Leader' Committee, the Chief Executive will have delegated authority from Leaders' Committee to approve appointments to casual vacancies of the YPES Board.

Appendix A

PERSONS AUTHORISED BY LONDON COUNCILS TO EXERCISE POWERS

CONSISTENT WITH FUNCTIONS OF THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

PART A

The following statutory provisions give powers to duly authorised Proper Officers/Authorised Persons in most local authorities in London. Some of these functions have been expressly delegated by the 33 London local authorities to the London Councils joint committees, some have not and are instead captured within the general delegations to the joint committee.

The following table sets out the persons authorised for the functions identified. This list includes delegations to named officers, some of which do not strictly apply to London Councils' joint committees, but which are followed as a matter of best practice in accordance with the exercise of the functions expressly delegated to the joint committees.

Authorised Persons should nominate, in writing, an appropriate deputy to carry out any statutory duties during planned absences. Officers should also ensure arrangements are in place authorise another officer in the event of unplanned absence. These may vary according to the nature of the responsibility but will be approved by the Corporate Management BoardTeam.

| | STATUTORY PROVISION | PERSONS AUTHORISED |
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| LOC | AL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 | |
| 1 | Section 84 – The officer to whom written notice of resignation of elected office shall be delivered | Chief Executive |
| 2 | Section 96 – The officer to whom general notices and recording of disclosures of interests under Section 94 should be given | Director of Corporate Governance |
| 3 | Section 99 + Schedule 12 - To give notice and send summonses in respect of any London Councils committee meeting | Chief Executive |
| 4 | Section 100 - To give public notice of any meeting to which the public are entitled to attend, provide copies of agenda and facilities for the press | Chief Executive |
| 5 | Section 100B (2) – The officer to exclude from committees or sub Committees meeting agendas any information to be dealt with in a meeting from which the public are likely to be excluded | Director of Corporate Governance |
| 6 | Section 100B (7)(c) – The officer to supply to any newspaper copies of documents supplied to Members of committees or sub- committees in connection with an item for consideration at their meetings | Director of Corporate Governance |
| 7 | Section 100C (2) – The officer to prepare a written summary of proceedings of committees or sub-committees from which the public were excluded | Director of Corporate Governance |
| 8 | Section 100D (1)(a) – The officer to prepare a list of background papers for reports considered by committees or sub-committees | Director of Corporate Governance |
| 9 | Section 100D (5) – The officer to determine which documents constitute background papers; and under Section 100H –to be responsible for charging for copies of those documents | Director of Corporate Governance |

| | STATUTORY PROVISION | PERSONS AUTHORISED | |
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| 10 | virtue of containing exempt information, required to be openCorporateto inspectionGovernant | | |
| 11 | Section 100G - To maintain a register of the names and addresses of Elected Members and membership of committees, lists of delegations and the like | Director of Corporate Governance | |
| 12 | Section 115 – The officer to whom money properly due from officers shall be paid | Finance Officer (Director of Corporate Resources) | |
| 13 | Section 151 (and section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988) – The officer to be responsible for the proper administration of the London Councils' financial affairs (and to issue a report to elected Members if there is or is likely to be unlawful expenditure or an unbalanced budget) | Finance Officer (Director of Corporate Resources) | |
| 14 | Section 223 - Authorising officers to attend court and appear on behalf of London Councils under Local Government Act 1972 and the County Courts Act 1984 | Chief Executive and <u>all Directors</u> <u>other members of</u> <u>CMTchief officers</u> | |
| 15 | Section 225 (1) – The officer to receive and retain statutory documents on behalf of London Councils | Chief Executive | |
| 16 | Section 229 (5) – The officer to certify photographic copies of documents | Chief Executive | |
| 17 | Section 233 – The officer to receive documents required to be served on London Councils | Chief Executive | |
| 18 | Section 234 (1) & (2) – The officer to authenticate documents on behalf of London Councils | Chief Executive | |
| 19 | Schedule 12 [paragraphs 4(1)(a) & 4(3)] – The officer responsible for issuing summons to meetings at which business is proposed | Chief Executive | |
| 20 | Schedule 14 [paragraph 25(7)] – The officer responsible for the certification of true copies of resolutions | Chief Executive | |
| LOC | AL GOVERNMENT ACT 1974 | | |
| 21 | Section 30(5) - Notice of Local Government Ombudsman's Report | Chief Executive | |
| LOC | CAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988 | | |
| 22 | Section 116 - Notification to London Councils' auditor of any meeting to be held under Section 15 of the 1988 Act (meeting to consider any report of the Finance Office under Section 114) | | |
| 23 | Section 139A - Provision of information to the Secretary of State in relation to the exercise of his powers under this Act as and when required | Finance Officer (Director of Corporate Resources) | |
| LOC | AL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 | | |
| 24 | Section 2 – The officer to hold on deposit the list of politically restricted posts and Section 2 - provision of certificates as to | Director of Corporate | |
| 25 | whether a post is politically restricted Section 4 – The officer to be designated Head of Paid Service | Governance Chief Executive | |
| 26 | Section 4 – The oncer to be designated fread of Faid Service Sections 15 – 17 (and regulations made thereunder) – The officer to receive notices relating to the membersbip of political groups | Chief Executive | |

| | STATUTORY PROVISION | PERSONS AUTHORISED |
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| CIVII | L EVIDENCE ACT 1995 | |
| 27 | To certify Council records for the purposes of admitting the document in evidence in civil proceedings. | Any member of the Corporate Management Board<u>Team</u> |
| LOC | CAL GOVERNMENT (CONTRACTS) ACT 1997 | |
| 28 | Certification of relevant powers to enter into contracts | Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources |
| | GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (EU) 2016/679_and D 2018 | ATA PROTECTION |
| 29 | To act as Data Protection Officer under Article 37 of GDPR. | <u>Head of</u> Corporate Governance <u>and</u> <u>Data Protection</u> - <u>Manager</u> |
| | FFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004 and CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF PAR ITRAVENTIONS (England) REPRESENTATIONS AND APPEALS REC | |
| 30 | Section 81(4)(a) requires enforcement authorities to provide administrative staff for adjudicators. The Schedule to the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals Regulations 2007 provides that one of the members of the administrative staff required by section 81 shall be appointed to perform the functions of proper officer as set | Head of Support Services – London Tribunals |
| LOC | AL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 | |
| 31 | Requirement to report to London Councils annually on the robustness of estimates and financial reserves | Finance Officer (Director of Corporate Resources) |
| MON | IEY LAUNDERING REGULATIONS 2003 - PROCEEDS OF CRIME AC | ;T 2002 |
| 32 | Money Laundering Reporting Officer for the purposes of receiving disclosure on suspicions of money laundering and reporting as necessary | Finance Officer (Director of Corporate Resources) |
| LOC | CALISM ACT 2011 | L |
| | The officer to establish and maintain a register of interests of members and co-opted members under section 29 | Director of Corporate Governance |
| (| DTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROPER OFFICER FUNCTIONS | |

PART B

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All London Councils officers shall have regard to the following insofar as is relevant within their job description and for the effective performance of their duties and responsibilities.

| B1 | Audit | To comply with the requirements of the Financial Degulations and any | |
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| ы | Audit | To comply with the requirements of the Financial Regulations and any powers and duties contained in directions made by a Government Department, -agency or any other body which may be responsible for audit of the exercise of London Councils functions, including publication | |
| | | of performance standards and provision of information. | |
| B2 | Disabled | Make provision for the supply of services and admission to public | |
| | Persons | buildings and premises for those who are disabled, ensure proper signage and make appropriate adjustments for staff and service users. | |
| B3 | Criminal Proceedings | Have regard to London Council's protocol in relation to the bringing of proceedings when deciding whether a person should be charged with any offence. | |
| B4 | Best Value | To have regard to London Councils' Best Value duties when providing services and to keep under review the provision of all services to ensure Best Value. | |
| B5 | Equalities | Ensure that London Council's functions are carried out to eliminate discrimination and promote equality of opportunity and good relations and carry out appropriate equalities impact assessments of service delivery, policies and strategies and any changes. | |
| B6 | Identity Checks | To comply with any powers or duties contained in any Regulations or statutory provisions with regard to the necessity to check identification before the provision of public services. | |
| B7 | Proceeds of Crime and Money Laundering | To notify the Council's Money Laundering Officer (Finance Officer (Director of Corporate Resources)) of any matter where proceeds from crime maybe used to fund an acquisition, benefit, agreement or services from London Councils or where there is a suspicion that someone may be harbouring the proceeds of crime. | |
| B8 | Human Rights | To notify the Finance Officer of any matter where proceeds from crime maybe used to fund an acquisition, benefit, agreement or services from London Councils or where there is a suspicion that someone may be harbouring the proceeds of crime. | |



Leaders' Committee AGM

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Constitutional Matters – Item no: 14c Establishment of and Terms of Reference for, Sub-Committees and Forums Christiane Jenkins Report by: Christiane Jenkins Date: 7 June 2022 Contact Officer: Christiane Jenkins

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| Summary: | In accordance with London Councils Standing Orders, the proposed | |
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| | sub-committees and forums and their Terms of Reference are | |
| | presented to the Leaders' Committee AGM for approval each year. | |

| | Leaders' Committee is asked to note the continuation of, and |
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| Recommendations: | terms of reference for, the following sub-committees/forums: |
| | a. Leaders' Committee Executive |
| | b. Audit Committee |
| | c. Young People's Education and Skills Board (YPES) |

Constitutional Matters – Establishment of, and Terms of Reference for, Sub-Committees and Forums

Background

- 1. In accordance with London Councils Standing Orders, London Councils Leaders' Committee should, at its Annual General Meeting (AGM):
 - (a) decide which sub-committees and forums to establish for the municipal year; and,
 - (b) decide the size and Terms of Reference (TOR) for those sub-committees and forums
 - (London Councils Standing Order 1.8 (v) and (vi)).
- 2. Leaders' Committee in the previous municipal year appointed the following subcommittees/forums:
 - (a) Leaders' Committee Executive
 - (b) Audit Committee
 - (c) Young People's Education and Skills Board (YPES);
 - (d) Fire Safety Members Group
 - (e) Pandemic Steering Committee

Changes during 2021/22

 Since the last AGM, the Pandemic Steering Committee - the membership of which is London Councils five Elected Officers, has been stood down. The Elected Officers now meet informally on a fortnightly basis, as required.

The Fire Safety Members Group has never met so is also being "stood down".

4. The TOR for Leaders' Committee Executive, Audit Committee and the YPES Board were last approved by Leaders' Committee on 8 June 2021. There are no changes to those Terms of Reference, and they can be found in **Appendix One** of this report.

5. The TOR and membership for all the London Councils' joint committees, their subcommittees and forums are available on London Councils website.

Recommendations

- 6. Leaders' Committee is asked to note the continuation of, and the terms of reference for, the following sub-committees/forums:
 - a. Leaders' Committee Executive
 - b. Audit Committee
 - c. Young People's Education and Skills Board (YPES).

Financial Implications

The cost of supporting these bodies is provided for in current budgetary provision.

Equalities Considerations

There are no direct equalities considerations.

Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications although delegations of the exercise of functions by Leaders' Committee to its sub-committees/forums should be consistent with the functions that Leaders' Committee may exercise under its Governing Agreement and should be clear to ensure that decisions by the sub-committees/forums are made with appropriate authority.

Appendix:

 Appendix One - Terms of Reference for sub-committees and forums appointed by Leaders' Committee

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The Executive

The Executive will:

- Play an active role in giving effect to the policy direction already agreed by Leaders' Committee.
- Broker a London Councils position on strategic issues for submission to Leaders' Committee.
- 3. Agree routine consultation responses.
- 4. Deal with internal staffing, finance and related matters, including best value.
- 5. Consider items for Leaders' Committee in advance and submit recommendations to Leaders' Committee.
- Have the power to refer any item within the remit of any Leaders' Sub-Committee, Forum, or associated London Councils' joint committee to the Leaders' Committee for discussion
- Consider the annual corporate plan and budget before final approval by Leaders' Committee.
- 8. Monitor performance of London Councils quarterly by reference to:
 - a. Financial and budgetary information
 - b. Progress on priorities set out in the business plan
 - c. Progress on key policy issues.
- 9. Monitor performance of London Councils annually by receiving staffing information
- 10. Act as the Appointments Committee.
- 11. To receive reports on decisions taken under urgency procedures relating to the functions of Leaders' Committee, or any sub-committee or Forum of Leaders' Committee.
- 12. In the matter of pension considerations relating to London Councils Chief Executive, any decision(s) will be taken by an appointed three-member sub-committee drawn from the Elected Officers of London Councils Leaders' Committee which has been set up for these purposes.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee will:

Audit Activity

- To consider the Chief Internal Auditor's annual audit opinion and a summary of internal audit activity (actual and proposed) and the level of assurances it can give over London Councils' corporate governance arrangements.
- 2. To consider specific internal audit reports as requested.
- 3. To consider reports dealing with the management and performance of the provider of internal audit services.
- 4. To consider a report from internal audit on agreed recommendations not implemented within a reasonable timescale.
- 5. To consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports, and to report to those charged with governance.
- 6. To consider specific reports as agreed with the external auditor.
- 7. To comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money.
- 8. To make a recommendation to Leaders' Committee on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor.
- 9. To commission work from internal and external audit.

Regulatory Framework

- 10. To maintain an overview of London Councils' contract procedure rules, financial regulations and codes of conduct and behaviour.
- 11. To review any issue referred to it by the Chief Executive or the Director of Corporate Resources.
- 12. To monitor the effective development and operation of risk management and corporate governance in London Councils.

- 13. To monitor London Councils' anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategy and London Councils' complaints process.
- 14. To oversee the production of London Councils' Annual Governance Statement and to recommend its adoption.
- 15. To consider the results of the annual review of London Councils' corporate governance arrangements and agree necessary actions to ensure compliance with best practice.
- 16. To consider London Councils' compliance with its own and other published standards and controls.

Accounts

- 17. To approve the annual statement of accounts. Specifically, to consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the Leaders' Committee.
- 18. To consider the external auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts.

London Councils Young People's Education and Skills Board (YPES)

The role of the London Councils Young People's Education and Skills Board is to provide pan-London leadership for 14 to 19 education and training provision in relation to the current and future needs of learners and employers, support local authorities in undertaking their statutory functions, and assist other stakeholders in planning, policy and provision.

The key tasks of the London Councils Young People's Education and Skills Board are to:

- 1. Develop the strategic vision of the market for 14 to 19 provision in London, influencing and shaping sufficient diversity and specialism to promote full participation.
- 2. Lobby for the best resources for London's young learners.

In partnership with the LEAP:

3. Develop a clear picture of the changing jobs landscape and skills needs in London to

help shape the development of provision.

- 4. Support stakeholders with the provision of high-quality impartial information for all London's young people.
- 5. Alert London providers to known regionally unmet needs and gaps in the market.
- 6. Contribute to the production and analysis of data, including demographic data, to inform planning at a provider level.
- 7. Promote consistent scrutiny of 16 to 18 provision, challenging poor quality and championing excellence across the capital.
- 8. Support local authorities and providers to operate in the collective interest of London, particularly in addressing the needs of vulnerable learners.
- Co-ordinate the development of specialist education and training across London including both provision for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and specialist vocational provision.
- 10. Undertake any other tasks as directed by Leaders' Committee.

In pursuing these ambitions, it is recognised that there may be the need to undertake specific commissioning activities at a regional level on behalf of local authorities, based on clear business cases.



Leaders' Committee AGM

Committee Meeting Dates 2022-24 Item no: 15

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| Summary: | This report outlines proposals for recalibrating London Councils Leaders' Committee meetings and those of its Executive from June 2022 onwards with the objective of making the best use of members' time and get the greatest impact from collaboration, thereby maximising the opportunities for advancing the collective interests of London Local Government in line with London Councils Shared Ambitions. | |
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| | committees and their sub-committees. | |
| Recommendations: | Leaders' Committee is asked to: | |
| | consider the proposals for recalibrating its meetings and those of its Executive as set out in the body of the report. | |
| | • Subject to the above, agree a schedule of dates for meetings of Leaders' Committee and Leaders' Committee Executive as set out in Appendix 1, either with or without modifications. | |
| | • Note the proposed dates for meetings of the Audit Committee, Transport and Environment Committee and Executive, Grants Committee and Executive, Greater London Provincial Council, Greater London Employment Forum, Committee for 2022/23 and YPES as set out in Appendix 2. | |

London Councils Leaders' Committee and Leaders' Executive Committee Meeting Dates 2022-24

Introduction

- Over the summer of 2021, the Group Leaders of London Councils reflected on their ambitions for London & Londoners. Their reflections and what it means for how London Councils works in the future is encapsulated in the "Shared Ambition for London Councils" which was launched on 25th October 2021.
- 2. One of its key strands is Political leadership based on shared values agenda setting, convening and telling London's story.
- 3. In furtherance of this, Executive Officers and some other Leaders asked officers to consider how the cycle and use of London Councils committee meetings can be adapted to make the best use of members' time and get the greatest impact from collaboration and thereby maximise the opportunities for advancing the collective interests of London local government. Members expressed a range of views on this which this paper responds to.

Governance Structure of London Councils' committees

- 4. There are three principal decision-making joint committees that come under the aegis of London Councils: Leaders' Committee, Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) and Grants Committee. Each of the three joint committees also has a separate Executive. The joint committees have established associated formal sub-committees and informal working groups.
- 5. The current cycle of committee meetings for each of the joint committees and their Executives are as follows: Leaders six times per year, TEC four times per year (with four TEC Executive meetings) and Grants three times per year (with two Grants Executive meetings per year).
- 6. There are currently six Leaders' Committee meetings in a calendar year and six Executive meetings. Leaders' Committee is London Councils' main decision-making

body and each borough is represented on the Committee by their Leader¹. The Executive is a sub-committee of Leaders' Committee which includes the appointment of members to lead on particular policy areas². The Committees currently meet on alternative months (except March and June where there are meetings of both the Executive and Leaders' Committee at present), with the Executive often considering items in advance of Leaders' Committee and submitting recommendations for consideration and agreement.

Maximising the opportunities for advancing the collective interests of London local government

- 7. In developing the proposals set out in this paper an emphasis has been placed on:
 - Taking account of the previous feedback from Elected Officers and some other Leaders
 - Building upon the lessons learned during the Covid-19 Pandemic on how Leaders collaborated most effectively across London in order to be able to respond to fastmoving issues and events
 - the importance and need for greater collaboration between the 32 London Boroughs and the City of London and the Mayor of London on strategically significant issues such as Levelling Up and the role of London local authorities in decision-making and spending of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).
- 8. This has resulted in the development of a set of design principles that inform the proposals. These are:
 - That formal meetings should only be held when required such as the Annual General Meeting or to approve the budget(s) or policies
 - Create more space where informal engagement is more appropriate such as to discuss sensitive and/or emerging issues

¹ For the City of London, it is the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee

² Portfolio Leads lead on securing cross borough, cross-party agreement to London Councils' policy and positioning in the relevant policy/service area through engagement with relevant London Borough portfolio holders; drive the implementation of agreed policies for the portfolio and communicate with key partners, including membership of Mayoral Boards and other bodies, to ensure that London Councils' positions and services are widely understood and positively promoted.

- Adapt Elected Officers' meetings³ from time to time as business needs require to include relevant portfolio holders for specific items
- Use the existing days/time of committee meetings more flexibly as opposed to holding fewer or more meetings. It is recognised that members' time is limited.

Proposals for Leaders' Committee and Leaders' Executive Committee meetings

9. Based on the design principles the following meeting programmes are proposed:

Leaders' Committee:

- x 3 formal committee meetings (AGM, approval of budgets and policies)
- x 2 informal meetings (e.g., awaydays, workshop etc)

Leaders' Executive:

- x 2 formal committee meetings (pre-audited financial outturn, audited accounts)
- x 4 informal committee meetings

It is proposed to extend the time for Executive meetings to 2.5 hours (9:30am-12noon) based on feedback and business need.

The proposals also include holding, as previously, breakfast or evening reception 'horizon scanning' meetings through the year hosted by the City of London with government representatives/expert speakers (dates tbc).

10. A schedule of proposed dates for each of the programmes above are set out in Appendix 1.

Format/Status of Meetings

11. The feedback from London local authorities to the Government's Call for Evidence on remote meetings included that virtual committee meetings had increased participation in many ways by reducing the requirement for members, officers and the public to travel to meetings and the ability to watch live or watch back from any location.

³ Following the standing down of London Councils Pandemic Steering Committee Meetings, Elected Officers have repurposed the dates of the fortnightly meetings as the basis for additional engagement with officers.

- 12. London Councils' committees are joint committees⁴ and like all local authorities and bodies which operate as a joint committee must, since the expiry of the Regulations⁵ made under section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, hold their meetings "in person" for their decisions to be valid.
- 13. It is proposed that until such time as new legislation is passed to allow for any business including decisions to be transacted other than by attendance by members "in person", formal meetings of Leaders' committee and its Executive should take place at London Councils' offices but include a hybrid element so that members who due to exceptional circumstances are unable to attend "in person" can participate virtually and express views, although only those in the room would be able to vote on any required decisions.
- 14. Informal committee meetings and other forms of collaboration can be held either 'in person', virtually or in a hybrid format and will be determined and communicated following consideration and consultation of the purpose and practicalities of the event.

Schedule of meeting dates for other London Councils' member groupings

- 15. Appendix 2 to this report sets out the schedule of dates for meetings of the other London Councils' member groupings: Transport and Environment Committee and Executive, Grants Committee and Executive, Greater London Provincial Council, Greater London Employment Forum for 2022/23 and YPES. It also includes those of the Audit Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Leaders' Committee.
- 16. This schedule follows the pattern established in previous years after discussion with the party groups.

⁴ set up in pursuance of arrangements made under section 101 (5), 101 (5B), 102, 111, 112, 113, 141 and 142 Local Government Act 1972; section 1 Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970; section 9 EB Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.

⁵ The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No. 392

Recommendations

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Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications for London Councils.

Equalities Considerations

There are no direct equalities considerations for London Councils arising from this report.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for London Councils arising from this report.

Appendix 1 – Proposed schedule of meeting dates for London Councils' Leaders' Committee and Leaders' Committee Executive

Appendix 2 – Proposed meeting schedule of TEC, Grants, Audit Committee, GLPC, GELF and YPES

LONDON COUNCILS' LEADERS AND EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES – 2022 – 2024 Formal Meetings Informal Meetings (tbc)

| Executive - 9.30am – 12noon |
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| 2022 21 June 2022 (& LC Ltd Board) 13 September 2022 8 November 2022 |
| 2023 17 January 2023 7 March 2023 23 May 2023 20 June 2023 12 September 2023 7 November 2023 |
| 2024 16 January 2024 5 March 2024 |
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LONDON COUNCILS COMMITTEE MEETING DATES – 2022/23

| Grants Committee - 11:00am – 1.00pm | Audit Committee – 10.30am – 12noon |
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| 2022 | 2022 |
| 13 July 2022 (AGM) | 16 June 2022 |
| 23 November 2022 | 15 September 2022 |
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| 2023 | 2023 |
| 15 March 2023 | 16 March 2023 |
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| 12 July 2023 (AGM) | |
| 22 November 2023 | Greater London Employment Forum (GLEF) |
| | 10.00am – 12.30pm |
| Grants Executive 3:00pm – 5:00pm | 2022 |
| 2022 | 19 July 2022 (AGM) |
| 21 September 2022 | |
| | 2023 |
| 2023 | 23 February 2023 |
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| 1 March 2023 | 18 July 2023 (AGM) |
| 20 September 2023 | |
| | Greater London Provincial Council (GLPC) |
| TEC - 2:30pm – 5.00pm | 10.00am – 12.30pm |
| 2022 | 2022 |
| 9 June 2022 (AGM) | 18 October 2022 (AGM) |
| 13 October 2022 | |
| 8 December 2022 | 2023 |
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| 0000 | 18 May 2023 |
| 2023 | 19 October 2023 (AGM) |
| 23 March 2023 | |
| | Young People's Education and Skills Board |
| TEC Exec - 10:00am – 12noon | (YPES) – 3.00p. – 5.00pm |
| 2022 | 2022 |
| 14 July 2022 | 23 June 2022 |
| 8 September 2022 | 20 October 2022 |
| 17 November 2022 | |
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