

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Appointments	
Key Decision	No	Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: July 20 2016

1. Appointments by the Council

(a) STANDARDS COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION that the following persons be appointed to Sub-Committees of the Standards Committee

Standards Sub-Committee A

Councillors Aderfiranye, Bell, Dacres, Elliott and Mallory

Independent Members: Sullivan, Roper-Newman and Bhatti

Standards Sub-Committee B

Councillors Bourne, Hall, Hooks, Moore and Morrison

Independent Members: Butler, Thomas and Walton

(b) DEPTFORD ST PAUL CHARITY

Under the terms of a scheme agreed in 1978 the Council nominates four trustees to the Board of this Charity and those four nominative members then co-opt two further trustees.

Two vacancies have arisen on the body following the death of former Councillor Stephen Padmore and the resignation of former Councillor Madeliene Long.

The Council is invited to consider the appointment of the two nominees shown below.

RECOMMENDATION that Councillor Brenda Dacres and Councillor Joe Dromey be appointed as Trustees of the Deptford St Paul Charity.

(c) AUDIT PANEL

Appointment of independent members to the Audit Panel

Background

At the Council meeting held in April 2007 members agreed that up to four independent members be appointed to the Audit Panel. Following that April Council meeting, the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration received three applications at the time and proposed three prospective candidates to be independent members.

These candidates were duly appointed to serve on the Audit Panel. They were David Tucker, David Webb and Richard King. Both David Tucker and David Webb retired from the Audit Panel some years ago, and the Panel saw the appointment of two further candidates, Paul Dale and Mike Robinson as direct replacements for them.

In 2014, Mike Robinson stepped down from his role on the Audit Panel. This was followed by the retirement of Richard King at the start of 2016. Currently, Paul Dale is the only remaining independent member of the Audit Panel.

Discussion

Audit Panel Members have requested that the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration look to strengthen / refresh the independent membership. Having made enquiries via professional networks and partner organisations, the Council has received two applications from prospective candidates. These candidates have met with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Audit Panel and attended the June 2016 Audit Panel as observers. A summary of what these candidates can bring to the Audit Panel is detailed below:

Stephen Warren – Stephen is a past District Auditor for the Audit Commission, who at the time was its Technical Director. He has a strong technical and financial audit background much of which was gained at the Commission when he was personally involved in complex accounting and audit issues, including at high profile clients including the GLA and the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Ian Pleace – Ian is the Director of Finance for Goldsmiths College since October 2015. Prior to joining Goldsmiths, he was a director at Deloitte where he specialised in the media and publishing sectors. During this time he was seconded to the role of Finance Director for BBC Nations & Regions and subsequently Finance Director for the Corporation's Future Media & Technology division. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds a BSc (Econ) in Economics from the LSE and an MSc in Economic Development from SOAS.

Both are fully qualified chartered accountants, have good working knowledge of the experiences of other organisations and would bring extensive recent and relevant experience to the Audit Panel.

Conclusion

The Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration recommends that these two candidates are fully qualified to sit on the Audit Panel and recommends their appointment as independent advisors.

RECOMMENDATIONS that:

1. Stephen Warren and Ian Pleace be appointed as independent members of the Audit Panel.
2. That the independent members of the Audit Panel be entitled to receive the Council's standard co-optee allowance of £600 per annum.

Janet Senior
Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration
July 2016

2. Appointments by the Mayor

(d) HEALTH & WELL BEING BOARD

The Council is asked to note that the Mayor has appointed Roger Paffard (Chair, SLaM) as a member of the Health and Well Being Board.

RECOMMENDATION that the appointment be noted