

Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

Monday 11 February 2019
7.00 pm
Ground Floor Meeting Room G02B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1
2QH

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Date: 11 February 2019

sub-committee for 2018-19

Item No. 16.	Classification: Open	Date: 11 February 2019	Meeting Name: Audit, Governance and Standards Committee	
Report title:		Appointment of non-voting co-opted members of the civic awards sub-committee for 2018-19		
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All		
From:		Strategic Director of Housing and Modernisation		

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the committee considers the nominations for the positions of co-opted members of the audit, governance and standards (civic awards) sub-committee outlined in closed Appendix 1 and agree the nominations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2. The Southwark civic awards scheme was initiated in 1997 for the purposes of recognising exceptional contributions to community life by individuals and organisations in the borough. Up until 2015, the scheme was administered on behalf of the council by the Southwark Civic Association which made recommendations to standards committee for the granting of civic awards.
- 3. Council assembly on 8 July 2015 resolved that from the 2015/2016 civic year, the administration of the civic awards be carried out by the council pending a longer term review of the operation of the awards scheme. Officers were requested to put in place the necessary arrangements for the running of the awards within existing council resources. Council assembly in 2016 also resolved that the decisions on the granting of civic awards be delegated to a sub-committee of the audit, governance and standards committee.
- 4. The audit, governance and standards committee agreed at its meeting of 14 July 2016 that the membership of the audit, governance and standards (civic awards) subcommittee (henceforth "civic awards sub-committee") must include four co-opted members, two of whom must be women.
- 5. It is necessary for the audit, governance and standards committee to appoint these co-opted members formally; and the names of the volunteers will be presented in the closed report.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 6. The granting of awards is a constitutional function of the audit, governance and standards (civic awards) sub-committee and members have the final discretion whether or not to grant an award. Members also have a particular responsibility to safeguard the non-political nature of the awards scheme.
- 7. Members need to be satisfied that the co-opted membership nominations meet the appropriate criteria.

Resource implications

8. There are none.

Community impact statement

9. The council is committed to promoting civic engagement and good relations in our communities. The awards attract media interest and recognise the voluntary work of a number of people and organisations within Southwark, thus strengthening community cohesion.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact	
Southwark Constitution	Constitutional Team	Virginia Wynn-Jones	
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	http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ie		
	ListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=425		

APPENDICES

Appendix	Title
1	Nominees (Closed item)

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Stephen Douglass, Director of Communities				
Report Author	Virginia Wynn-Jones, Principal Constitutional Officer				
Version	Final				
Dated	11 February 2019				
Key Decision?	No				
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER					
Officer Title		Comments Sought	Comments Included		
Director of Law an	d Democracy	No	No		
Strategic Directo	r of Finance and	No	No		
Governance					
Cabinet Member		No	No		
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team 11 February 2019					

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018-19

COMMITTEE: AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (OPEN AGENDA)

Original held in Constitutional Team; all amendments/queries to Virginia Wynn-Jones,
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