

Item No. 7.1	Classification: Open	Date: December 7 2005	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Appointment of vice-chair of planning committee	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor)	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly considers whether it wishes to appoint a vice-chair of the planning committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Constitutional council on May 25 2005 established the planning committee with a membership of eight members and appointed Councillor Catriona Moore as vice-chair of the committee for the 2005/06 municipal year.
3. On October 10 2005 Councillor Moore informed the borough solicitor that she had accepted the position of communications adviser at the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI), a politically restricted post. Accordingly, as she was unable to remain in public office, she tendered her resignation as councillor for Cathedrals Ward.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Should council assembly elect not to appoint a vice-chair of the planning committee, it will fall to the next meeting of the planning committee to make the appointment, should it wish to do so.
5. If council assembly elects to appoint a vice-chair, nominations may either be received in writing prior to council assembly, or be moved from the floor during the meeting.
6. In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.17(6), if more than two people are nominated for a position to be filled, the names will be put to the vote in alphabetical order and the name of the person with the least number of votes will be taken off the list and a new vote taken. This process will continue until there is a majority of votes for one person.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Constitutional council agenda 07.12. 05	Town Hall Peckham Road London SE5 8UB	Constitutional Team 020 7525 7236

AUDIT TRAIL

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