

Item No. 7.2	Classification: Open	Date: November 5 2008	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Appointment of Chair of Rotherhithe Community Council	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Legal and Democratic Services	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council assembly appoints a chair of the Rotherhithe community council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Annual council on May 21 2008 established eight community councils and appointed Councillor Anne Yates as chair of the Rotherhithe community council for the 2008-09 municipal year.
3. Sadly in August 2008 Councillor Anne Yates, Past Mayor of Southwark 2004-05 and chair of Rotherhithe community council, passed away.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Council assembly procedure rule 4.2(1)(g) states that annual meeting of the council assembly shall appoint the chairs of committees, which includes community councils.
5. Where a position becomes vacant during the course of the municipal year, the practice in such situations is that any re-appointments are considered by the next scheduled meeting of the council assembly. In the interim the meeting would be invited to fill the vacant position of chair or vice-chair on an acting basis to allow the work of the meeting to continue.
6. Nominations for the position may either be received in writing prior to council assembly, or be moved from the floor during the meeting. In accordance with council assembly procedure rule 1.13(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 DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Annual council agenda 21.5.08	Town Hall Peckham Road London SE5 8UB	Constitutional Team 020 7525 7236

AUDIT TRAIL

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