

NOMINATIONS TO PANELS, BOARDS AND FORUMS 2010-11

ADOPTION PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To recommend to the adoption agency whether adoption is in a child's best interests and if he/she should be freed for adoption, to assess the suitability of prospective adopters and whether the matching between a child and adopters is appropriate.	Statutory. Adoption Agency Regulations.	2 Councillors (1 from July 2010) 3 Officers (to include 1 Medical Adviser) 5 Independent Members 1 legal advisor	As required	N/a

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 1 Liberal Democrats – 1 Conservatives – 0	2 Councillors (1 from July 2010)	2 Councillors (1 from July 2010)	The children's services department has advised that only 1 Councillor representative will be required from July 2010 due to a change in the way the adoption panel will operate.

ADMISSIONS FORUM

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
<p>1. The statutory role of the Admissions Forum as set out in the Schools Admissions Code is 'to have a key role in ensuring a fair admissions system that promotes social equity'. Part of the role is to advise local authorities and admission authorities on matters relating to school admissions.</p> <p>2. Admission Forums must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) consider how well existing and proposed admission arrangements serve the interests of children and parents within the area of the local authority; b) promote agreement on admission issues; c) review the comprehensiveness, effectiveness within the local context, and accessibility of advice and guidance for parents by the local authority, both through the published composite prospectus and the delivery of Choice Advice within the area of the forum; d) consider the effectiveness of the authority's proposed co-ordinated admission arrangements, and advise on whether the authority's proposed co-ordinated admission arrangements differ substantially from the previous year; e) consider the means by which admissions processes might be improved and how actual admissions relate to the admission numbers published. 	<p>Statutory.</p> <p>The Education (Admissions Forums) Regulations 2002 under the Standards and Framework Act 1998.</p> <p>Revised School Admissions Code (February 2009).</p>	<p>2 local authority representatives</p> <p>3 Community School representatives</p> <p>2 Foundation School representatives</p> <p>1 - 3 Voluntary Aided School representatives</p> <p>1 Church of England Diocese representative</p> <p>1 Roman Catholic Diocese representative</p> <p>2 Parent Governor representatives</p> <p>1 -3 Academy Representatives</p> <p>1 - 3 local community representatives.</p>	<p>Three times a year (once a school term on a Monday 4-6pm).</p>	<p>N/a</p>

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<p>f) Monitor the admission of children who arrive in the authority's area outside a normal round with a view to promoting arrangements for the fair distribution of such children among local schools, taking account of any preference expressed.</p> <p>g) Promote the arrangements for children with special educational needs, children in care and children who have been excluded from school;</p> <p>h) Monitor the effectiveness of local authority Fair Access Protocols; and,</p> <p>i) Consider any other admissions issues that arise.</p>				

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
<p>Labour – (Reserve)</p> <p>Liberal Democrats – 1</p> <p>Conservatives – 1</p>		2 councillors	Previously one from each political group. However councillor membership reduced to two as a result of change in School Admissions Code.

FOSTERING PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To make recommendations to the fostering service about the approval of prospective foster carers, the re-approval of foster carers at the time of their first annual review, to hear appeals by foster carers who are not in agreement that their approval is terminated and to give advice to the fostering service, when requested. The panel will also give and receive feed back to/from the fostering service to ensure that standards are maintained.	Statutory Fostering Services Regulations 2002 National Minimum Standards for Fostering Services 2002	1 Councillor 5 Officers 4 Independent Members	Once a month, usually on the last Wednesday of the month between 10.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.	N/a

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 0 Liberal Democrats – 1 Conservatives – 0	Labour – 1 Liberal Democrats – 0 Conservatives – 0	1 Councillor	None

JOINT PARTNERSHIP PANEL (TRADE-UNION CONSULTATION)

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To provide a member-level trade union consultation forum for dialogue on corporate policy issues and corporate proposals affecting the workforce.	Consultation Forum	2 Councillors, Head of Human Resources. Plus accredited Branch Secretaries of Unison, GMB, UCATT & Unite.	Quarterly	N/a

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
2 representatives from the executive. In 2009-10 the executive members were the leader of the council and executive member responsible for human resources.	2 representatives from the cabinet	2 Councillors	None

LEASEHOLDERS ARBITRATION PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To resolve disputes between Southwark Right to Buy applicants, Southwark Council leaseholders and Residential Freeholders who pay a service charge to Southwark Council.	Panel	17 Councillors	As required	N/a

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour - 8 Liberal Democrats – 8 Conservatives – 1 (excluding executive members and relevant opposition spokespersons – to act as pool)	Labour – 9 Liberal Democrats – 7 Conservatives – 1 (excluding cabinet members and relevant opposition spokespersons) to act as pool.	17 Councillors	

PENSIONS ADVISORY PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To assist the finance director in the management of the pensions function within the council.	Advisory Panel	3 councillors 3 officers 2 independent advisors 2 trade union representatives (observers)	Quarterly (additional meetings arranged if required)	N/a

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 1 Liberal Democrats – 1 Conservatives – 1	No change	3 councillors	One member from each political group.

SECURE ACCOMMODATION PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To review the cases of children admitted to secure accommodation.		2 Councillors Plus Independent Person	When required.	N/a

Allocation 2009-10 (No. of Reserves in brackets)	Proposed Allocation 2010-11 (No. of Reserves in brackets)	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 1 (1) Liberal Democrats – 1 (1) Conservatives – 0 (n/a)	No change	2 Councillors	Officers suggest the councillors be members of the corporate parenting committee. Secure Accommodation Panel meetings are infrequent and may involve significant travel.

SOUTHWARK SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
<p>To promote and safeguard the welfare of children.</p> <p>To engage in activities that safeguard all children and aim to identify and prevent maltreatment or impairment of health or development.</p> <p>To ensure that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with safe and effective care.</p> <p>To lead and co-ordinate proactive work that aims to target particular groups and to arrange for responsive work to protect children who are suffering, or likely to suffer significant harm.</p>	<p>Statutory.</p> <p>Children Act 2004</p> <p>Working Together (2006)</p>	<p>Senior managers from different services and agencies including independent and voluntary sector.</p>	<p>Meetings currently scheduled for: 22 June 21 September 23 November 28 January 2011 (annual stakeholders' conference)</p>	<p>N/a</p>

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
Executive Member for Children's Services	Cabinet Member for Children's Services	1	Cabinet member for Children's Services to be participant observer.

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To review the existing provision of Religious Education and consider whether any changes need to be made in the agreed syllabus or in support offered to schools. To monitor the provision of the daily collective worship and to consider any action to improve such provision.	Statutory	4 Councillors Plus representatives of local faith groups and Teachers Associations	Bi-Monthly	N/a

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 2 Liberal Democrats – 2 Conservatives – 0	No change	4 Councillors	

TENANCY AGREEMENT ARBITRATION PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To resolve certain disputes between secure tenants and the council (landlord) arising from a breach within the terms of the Tenancy Agreement.	Panel	17 Councillors	7 times per week 2 sessions per day – (Morning & Afternoon)	N/a

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 8 Liberal Democrats – 8 Conservatives – 1 (excluding executive members and relevant opposition spokespersons) – to act as pool.	Labour – 9 Liberal Democrats – 7 Conservatives – 1 (excluding cabinet members and relevant opposition spokespersons) to act as pool.	17 Councillors	

TENANTS MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION LIASION COMMITTEE

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	How often it Meets	Politically Proportionate
To discuss with representatives of TMO's issues of mutual interest.	Statutory	4 Councillors Plus TMO Representatives Cabinet Member for Housing	6 weekly	N/a

Allocation 2009-10	Proposed Allocation 2010-11	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 2 Liberal Democrats – 2 Conservatives – 0	Labour – 2 Liberal Democrat – 2 Conservative – 0	4 Councillors and Cabinet Member for Housing	