

Item No. 15.	Classification: Open	Date: 19 June 2012	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Nominations to Panels, Boards and Forums 2012/13	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		N/a	
From:		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the cabinet agrees the allocation of places to the panels and boards and forums set out in Appendix A of the report for the 2012/13 municipal year and nominates members accordingly.
2. That the cabinet considers whether to appoint a chair and vice-chair to the following body from amongst those individuals appointed to serve:
 - Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. It is for the cabinet to agree the allocation of places to panels, boards and forums in connection with the functions that are the responsibility of the cabinet (i.e. housing, education, social serves, regeneration etc).

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Proportionality

4. Appendix A sets out the detail of those, panels, boards and forums for which nominations are required for the 2012/13 municipal year. There is no requirement that appointments to panels, boards and forums are proportionate and in the past, where the allocation of seats has been proportionate, this has been done by local agreement.
5. There is no requirement that a seat allocated to a particular group can only be filled by a member of that group. Therefore groups have the discretion to allocate seats as they wish, including to a member of another group or an individual councillor.

Appointment of chairs and vice-chairs

6. In recommendation two, members are asked to consider whether the appointment of the chair and vice-chair of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) should be agreed by the cabinet or at the first meeting of the body. If Members are minded to agree the chair and vice-chair at this meeting then names should be given at the time:

- Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

7. Currently SACRE appoint the chair and vice-chair in September of each year.

Establishment of new bodies

8. Members may wish to establish new bodies or recommend that officers look into changing the status of existing bodies. In relation to the creation of new bodies, Members will need to:

- (i) agree new terms of reference
- (ii) agree the membership and allocation of places
- (iii) consider whether to appoint the chair and vice-chair

Community impact statement

9. There are no specific community impact issues arising from the recommendations.

REASONS FOR URGENCY

10. The cabinet agrees the allocation of places to panels, boards and forums on an annual basis at its first meeting of the municipal year (June). This is the point at which the nominated members take up new positions for the municipal year. The next cabinet meeting is scheduled for 17 July 2012, consideration of the report at that meeting will mean that required membership changes will not take place until then.

REASONS FOR LATENESS

11. An internal officer consultation exercise is undertaken each year in order to ensure that the panels, boards and forums still exist and require councillor representation. It was not possible on this occasion to complete that consultation in time for the report to be included for circulation in the main agenda.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Terms of Reference / Constitutions of the boards and forums	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	List of Panels, Boards and Forums

AUDIT TRAIL

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