

NOMINATIONS TO PANELS, BOARDS AND FORUMS 2012/13

ADOPTION PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	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	1 Councillor (optional) 3 Officers (to include 1 Medical Adviser) 5 Independent Members 1 legal advisor	N/a

Allocation 2011/12	Proposed Allocation 2012/13	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 1 Liberal Democrats – 0 Conservatives – 0	1 Councillor	1 Councillor	There is no longer a requirement for there to be a Councillor on the panel.

FOSTERING PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	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	1 Councillor 5 Officers 4 Independent Members	N/a

Allocation 2011/12	Proposed Allocation 2012/13	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 1 Liberal Democrats – 0 Conservatives – 0	1 Councillor	1 Councillor	None

JOINT PARTNERSHIP PANEL (TRADE-UNION CONSULTATION)

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

Allocation 2011/12	Proposed Allocation 2012/13	Council Appointment	Comments
2 representatives from the cabinet. In 2011/12 the cabinet members were the leader of the council and cabinet member responsible for human resources.	2 representatives from the cabinet	2 Councillors	None

LEASEHOLDERS ARBITRATION PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	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.	Non statutory	Unlimited	N/a

Allocation 2011/12	Proposed Allocation 2012/13	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour - 9 Liberal Democrats – 7 Conservatives – 1 to act as pool.	Unlimited	Minimum of 17 Councillors as allocated in 2011/12	Members are required to undertake training prior to sitting on a panel. Cabinet members are not able to be members of the panel.

SECURE ACCOMMODATION PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	Politically Proportionate
To review the cases of children admitted to secure accommodation.	Statutory	2 Councillors Plus Independent Person	N/a

Allocation 2011/12 (No. of Reserves in brackets)	Proposed Allocation 2012/13 (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	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>	Statutory.	Senior managers from different services and agencies including independent and voluntary sector.	N/a

Allocation 2011/12	Proposed Allocation 2012/13	Council Appointment	Comments
Cabinet 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	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	N/a

Allocation 2011/12	Proposed Allocation 2012/13	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 2 Liberal Democrats – 2 Conservatives – 0	No change	4 Councillors	

TENANCY AGREEMENT ARBITRATION PANEL

Summary of Functions	Status	Membership	Politically Proportionate
To resolve certain disputes between secure tenants and the council (landlord) arising from a breach within the terms of the Tenancy Agreement.	Non statutory	Unlimited	N/a

Allocation 2011/12	Proposed Allocation 2012/13	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 9 Liberal Democrats – 7 Conservatives – 1 to act as pool.	Unlimited	Minimum of 17 Councillors as allocated in 2011/12	Members will be required to undertake training prior to sitting on a panel. Cabinet members are not able to be members of the panel.

TENANTS MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION LIASION COMMITTEE

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

Allocation 2011/12	Proposed Allocation 2012/13	Council Appointment	Comments
Labour – 2 Liberal Democrats – 2 Conservatives – 0	Labour – 2 Liberal Democrat – 2 Conservative – 0	4 Councillors and Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing	