

**From: Norbert Lieckfeldt, Corporate Governance Manager**

**To: Council of Governors**

**Date: 8 July 2021**

**Subject: Council of Governor Elections 2021**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To provide the Council with information about the planned process for the Council of Governors elections 2021

**2. Background**

2.1 There will be thirteen public or staff governor vacancies in eight constituencies at 31 October 2021 (names of Governors whose terms ends on 31 October 2021 in brackets; names in **bold** have completed three terms and cannot stand for re-election; those in *italics* have completed their second term):

1. Bedford Borough one vacancy (Felicity Stocker)
2. Central Beds one vacancy (*Larry Smith*)
3. Hackney: two vacancies (Caroline Diehl, Beverley Morris)
4. Luton: one vacancy (*Keith Williams*)
5. Newham three vacancies (*Shirley Biro*, **Carol Ann Leatherby**, **Ernell Watson**)
6. Rest of England one vacancy (Laura Jane Connolly)
7. Staff: two vacancies (Victoria Aidoo-Annan, **Katherine Corbett**)
8. Tower Hamlets three vacancies (*Roshan Ansari*, one seat unfilled)

**3. Election Process**

3.1 This is the third and final year of our contract with Civica Election Services who will carry out the elections for us as previously.

3.2 The Communications and Engagement Committee has review the election literature to ensure it is accessible and attracts sufficient and appropriate candidates for the roles.

3.3 The timetable agreed for the elections is as follows:

<b>ELECTION STAGE</b>	
Notice of Election / nomination open	Wednesday, 21 Jul 2021
Nominations deadline	Wednesday, 18 Aug 2021
Summary of valid nominated candidates published	Thursday, 19 Aug 2021
Final date for candidate withdrawal	Monday, 23 Aug 2021
Notice of Poll published	Wednesday, 8 Sep 2021

Voting packs despatched	Thursday, 9 Sep 2021
Close of election	Monday, 4 Oct 2021
Declaration of results	<b>Tuesday, 5 Oct 2021</b>

**4. Action**

4.1 The Council of Governors is asked to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the report.