

Council of Governors (in Public)

Item 11.5

Subject: Governor Elections Update
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023
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Presented by: Val Davies, Chair
Purpose of Report: To Note

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the timetable and process for the forthcoming Governor elections. A full timetable for this election process is provided within this report for the Council of Governors to note. Governors who are coming to the end of their term of office are advised to follow the nomination process as appropriate if they wish to re-stand for a further three year term.

2. Background – Forthcoming Elections

Notice of election will be given for seven Public and five Staff Governor Seats this summer and the breakdown for this is detailed below.

Constituency/Class	Current Governor(s)	Number of Seats
Public/Merseyside	Dorothy Burgess* Terence Comerford* Elaine Holme* Peter Humphrey* Trevor Wooding	5
Public/North Wales	Dusty Rhodes* Peter Wareham*	2
Staff/Non Clinical	Megan Cromby* Rachael McDonald*	2
Staff/Registered & Non Registered Nurses	Princey Santhosh*	1
Staff/Allied Health Professionals, Technical & Scientific	Dorothy Price*	1
Staff/Registered Medical Practitioners	Vacant	1

*Indicates those Governors who are eligible to re-stand for election for a further three year term

of office and their current term of office ends at the Combined Council of Governors and Annual Members' Meeting on Monday 25th September 2023.

3. Election Timetable

Civica Election Services (CES) has been appointed to act as the independent electoral administrator for the election process. The elections are held in accordance with the Model Election Rules contained within our Trust Constitution.

Please see the below timetable outlining the proposed election process:

Stage	Date
Notice of Election published by the Trust and Civica Election Services, the electoral administrators. Nomination forms, for candidates wishing to stand for election as a Governor are made available from this date.	Thursday 11th May 2023
The deadline that nominations by candidates should be received by Civica Election Services.	Friday 9th June 2023
A summary of all valid nominated candidates will be published.	Monday 12th June 2023
The final date candidates can withdraw their nominations.	Wednesday 14th June 2023
Uncontested report is published.	Thursday 15th June 2023
Notice of Poll is published.	Friday 30th June 2023
Voting packs distributed by Civica Election Services to members as appropriate (by constituency/class).	Monday 3rd July 2023
Closing date for election.	Wednesday 26th July 2023
Declaration of results.	Thursday 27th July 2023

An external and internal communication campaign runs alongside this process to attract candidates to stand for the role and to increase voting turnout should the elections be contested.

Following the success of previous elections, the nomination process will run entirely online for staff elections and ballot papers directing these groups will be delivered by email. Email reminders, along with a communications campaign, will be utilised to encourage votes and therefore a higher turnout. For the public elections, ballot papers will be delivered by post and members encouraged to vote online or by postal ballot. Email reminders will be issued to those public members with an email address on our records.

If Governors have any queries relating to the election timetable or process they are invited to contact Gill Donnelly, Membership and Communications Officer or Civica Election Services who can advise on this further.

4. Recommendations

The Council of Governors is requested to support the ongoing election timetable which will commence on 11th May 2023.

Those Governors whose terms are coming to a close this year are advised to take action by following the nomination process if they are eligible and wish to re-stand for a further three year term.