

Council of Governors (in Public)

Item 10.2

Subject: Governor Elections Update
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 1st June 2021
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Purpose of Report: To Note

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the timetable and process for the on-going 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 has been given for three Staff Governor Seats this summer and the breakdown for this is detailed below. All of the governors listed are eligible to re-stand for election for a three year term of office and their current term of office ends at the Combined Council of Governors and Annual Members' Meeting on 26th September 2022.

Constituency/Class	Current Governor(s)	Number of Seats
Staff – Registered and Non Registered Nurses	Sharon Faulkner Charlie Cowburn	2
Staff – Registered Medical Practitioners	Dr Rebecca Dobson	1

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. The Notice of Election is attached (10.2b) for information.

Please see the below timetable outlining the on-going 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.	Friday 13 th May 2022
The deadline that nominations by candidates should be received by Civica Election Services.	Tuesday 14 th June 2022
A summary of all valid nominated candidates will be published.	Wednesday 15 th June 2022
The final date candidates can withdraw their nominations.	Friday 17 th June 2022
Uncontested report is published.	Monday 20 th June 2022
Notice of Poll is published.	Tuesday 5 th July 2022
Voting packs distributed by Civica Election Services to members as appropriate (by constituency/class).	Wednesday 6 th July 2022
Closing date for election.	Friday 29 th July 2022
Declaration of results.	Monday 1 st August 2022

A communication campaign runs alongside this process to attract candidates to stand for the role and to increase voting turnout should the elections be contested. An example of the ongoing campaign is below for information:



Following the success of previous elections, the nomination process will run entirely online for this election and ballot papers directing members to vote online will be issued via email. Email

reminders, along with a communications campaign, to encourage staff members to vote will be issued to encourage a higher turnout.

If Governors have any queries relating to the election timetable and 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 commenced on 13th May 2022.

Those Governors whose terms are coming to an end 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.