

Council of Governors (in Public)

Item 15.2

Subject: Governor Elections Update
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 4th June 2024
Prepared by: Gill Donnelly, Membership & Communications Officer
Presented by: Karan Wheatcroft, Director of Risk & Improvement
Purpose of Report: To Note

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the timetable and process for this summer's planned 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 Governor seats this summer and the breakdown for this is detailed below.

Constituency/Class	Current Governor(s)	Number of Seats
Public/Merseyside	David Bromilow* Vacant	2
Public/North Wales	Joan Burgen*	1
Public/Cheshire	Ray Davis* Denis McAllister Vacant	3
Public/Rest of England & Wales	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 23rd September 2024.

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.	Friday 10th May 2024
The deadline that nominations by candidates should be received by Civica Election Services.	Monday 10th June 2024
A summary of all valid nominated candidates will be published.	Tuesday 11th June 2024
The final date candidates can withdraw their nominations.	Thursday 13th June 2024
Uncontested report is published.	Friday 14th June 2024
Notice of Poll is published.	Monday 1st July 2024
Voting packs distributed by Civica Election Services to members as appropriate (by constituency/class).	Tuesday 2nd July 2024
Closing date for election.	Thursday 25th July 2024
Declaration of results.	Friday 26th July 2024

An external 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 and ballot papers will be delivered by post with members encouraged to vote online or by post. An email reminder will be used where possible to encourage voting.

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 commenced on 10th May 2024.

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