


Minutes of the London FA Council Meeting		 LondonFA
Date:	Monday 7 th December 2020	
Venue and time:	18:00 – 20:00 Meeting conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams	
Number of attendees:	59 (excl. London FA staff)	

Item	Minutes	Action
1	Welcome	
1.1	James Middlehurst (JM), Chair of the London FA, opened the meeting and introduced the agenda for the evening. He explained that the primary purpose of the meeting was to elect four (4) Directors from Council to the London FA Board. Due to the large number of candidates standing for election, he was rearranging the agenda to start with this item as the first substantive item of business. This would make sure we do not run out of time for the elections at the meeting.	This change to be reflected in the meeting minutes
2.	Welcome to new London FA Council members	
2.1	JM welcomed the new London FA Council members, who were attending a meeting for the first time. He explained the process we have gone through to recruit a new Council for the 2020-2023 cycle and noted with pleasure the increased diversity of the Council.	
3.	London FA Governance – Elections to the London FA Board	
3.1	<p>Sir Simon Hughes (SH), Senior Independent Director, introduced and conducted the process for electing four directors from Council to the London FA Board. He reminded the Council of the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only appointed Council members, i.e. those recruited and appointed through the open recruitment process, are eligible to stand as candidates and vote for directors - Council members are asked to elect directors with football and required business skill and experience - Voting will take place using an independent online platform (www.choicevoting.co.uk) which had been used successfully at the London FA AGM on 23rd November 2020. At least one of the Council-elected directors must be female and at least one must be male. - These four elected directors will be the first confirmed new board members for the new term. All elected and appointed board members (except the Chair who is part way through his term of office) will take office from 1st January 2021 and serve until 30 June 2023. 	

3.2	13 Council members seeking election had been confirmed as candidates and their manifestos had been circulated to Council members prior to the meeting. Simon proceeded to allow each candidate up to three minutes to address Council, and they were then asked to respond to one question. The same question was asked to each candidate.	
3.3	Following discussion, it was agreed that all candidates should remove themselves from the meeting and the CEO, Paul Bickerton, would readmit them when it was their turn to speak.	
3.4	Once all candidates had presented themselves, Choice Voting conducted a demonstration of how Council members could vote and then opened the online election, which was held by secret ballot using a preferential voting system. It was announced that the results would be declared before the end of the meeting.	
4.	CEO Update - presentation	
4.1	<p>Paul Bickerton gave an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The impact on the latest COVID-19 restrictions on football in London - The latest staffing changes <p>No questions followed this presentation.</p>	Slides to be circulated with the minutes
5	London FA Council Reports	
5.1	<p>The following reports were given to the London FA Council and members were offered the opportunity to ask questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair's report (written) 2. FA representative report (written and oral) 3. Standing Committee reports (written) 4. Health & Wellbeing Officer Report (oral) 	
5.2	The FA Representative updated Council on the resignation of Greg Clarke, the FA Chairman, and the process which the FA were following to recruit a new Chair.	
5.3	Michael Burke updated the Council on the health and welfare of certain London FA members.	
6.	To receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th October 2020	
6.1	Received and approved (proposed Beth Archer, seconded Roger Fox)	
7.	Date / Time / Place of next meeting	
7.1	<p>The CEO informed Council of the new planned dates for 2021 Council meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday 22nd March 2021 - Monday 21st June 2021 (to coincide with London FA AGM) - Monday 11th October 2021 - Monday 6th December 2021 	

7.2	Council meetings will take place virtually from 18.00 to 20.00 until further notice.	
8.	Any Other Business	
8.1	None	
9.	London FA Council-elected Board Directors - Election Results	
9.1	The CEO announced that the London FA Council had voted to elect the following four (4) candidates to the London FA Board as Council-elected Directors:	
9.2	Beth Archer, Mark Deveney, Yashmin Harun and Ian Wallis. (Mark is a first time LFA director).	
9.3	Choice Voting confirmed that 48 valid votes had been counted. The company was thanked by the LFA.	
9.4	All candidates were thanked, successful candidates were congratulated, and unsuccessful candidates given commiserations.	
9.5	The Chair thanked Council and wished everybody all the best for Christmas and 2021.	