



<b>SUMMARY SHEET</b>
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<b>ITEM REF NUMBER:</b>	9/2008	<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	5 November 2008
<b>ITEM TITLE:</b>	Election of Vice Chair		
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<p><b>1. <u>SUMMARY</u></b></p> <p>1.1 The Board is asked to select a vice chair, to serve to the end of the municipal year 2009-10.</p>
<p><b>2. <u>DECISIONS REQUIRED</u></b></p> <p>2.1 To elect a vice chair to serve to the end of the municipal year 2009-10.</p>

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Southwark Alliance Standing Orders provide for a vice chair to serve for a period of two years. As the Southwark Alliance Board was reconstituted in mid-financial year, it is proposed that a vice chair be elected at the present meeting to serve to the end of the municipal year 2009-10.
- 3.2 The main roles of the vice chair includes:
- assisting the Chairperson, between formal Board meetings to take decisions that assist the Alliance to operate smoothly
  - chairing board meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, and if the latter is disqualified from participating, on the grounds of a conflict of interest
- 3.3 Standing orders specify that the chairperson and vice chair shall not be representatives of the same organisation. The Leader of Southwark Council chairs the Southwark Alliance as of right. Therefore, the vice chair needs to be a representative of an organisation other than the Council. Members of the Southwark Alliance who are on the Board by dint of representing the Council on a thematic partnership are deemed to be representatives of the Council for this purpose, and are consequently ineligible to be vice chair of the Southwark Alliance Board.
- 3.4 The election of the vice chair is by way of a 'first past the post' system.