

Decision Maker: **Children and Young People Portfolio Holder**

Date: **For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 24 January 2012**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

TITLE: MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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Ward: Biggin Hill, West Wickham, Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom, Crystal Palace, Bromley Town, Kelsey and Eden Park.

1. Reason for report

1.1 LA Governor appointments to schools and academies:

Biggin Hill Primary School	Hawes Down Infant School
Hawes Down Junior School	Holy Innocents RC Primary School
James Dixon Primary School	Raglan Primary School
Unicorn Primary School	

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **Members of the CYP PDS Committee are requested to note this report.**

2.2 **It is recommended that the Executive Member for Children and Young People approve the appointments subject to CRB checks.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A
 3. Budget head/performance centre:
 4. Total current budget for this head: £N/A
 5. Source of funding:
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional) – N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours – N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement: School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007
 2. Call in: Call-in is applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected) - N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Details of the LA Governor vacancies that have arisen are set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 The names of the applicants for all the LA Governor vacancies are set out in the report with biographical details. Further detailed information on applicants is held by Governor Services to support the decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All Council Members and Governing Bodies have been consulted.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Schools contribute to the achievement of improved outcomes for children and young people as outlined in the Borough's Sustainable Community Strategy: 'Building a Better Bromley 2010 Vision' and in the CYP Portfolio Plan for 2011/12.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Details of individuals who are barred from working with children are contained on the Independent Safeguarding Authority's (ISA) Children's Barred List to which the Local Authority has access. This list replaces the previous list 99 and POCA list.
- 6.2 Following the introduction of the Vetting and Barring Scheme in October 2009 Governors are included in the list of roles regarded as undertaking "regulated activity".
- 6.3 Although the Vetting and Barring Scheme is now on hold whilst being reviewed by the current Government, where Governors continue to meet the criteria for an enhanced CRB check disclosure this should be undertaken.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 now adds a new category of people who are disqualified from being a School Governor by Schedule 6 of the School Government Regulations 2002/03. The Act makes it a criminal offence for a person who is disqualified from working with children to apply for, offer to do, accept or do, any work in a "regulated position" and a member of the Governing Body of a school is included in the list of "regulated positions" set out in the Act.
- 7.2 The School Governance (Transition from an Interim Executive Board) (England) Regulations 2004.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Financial Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	

DETAILS OF LA GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Biggin Hill Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Cllr Gordon Norrie completes a four year term of office on 31 December 2011.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Cllr Gordon Norrie (Biggin Hill Ward)	Cllr Norrie's original four year appointment was previously confirmed by the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder (24 October 2011) when Biggin Hill Primary School converted to an Academy. He is now seeking appointment for a further four year term of office.

Hawes Down Infant School – one LA Governor vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Reverend Mike Cassidy.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Ms Bee Lean Chew (Beckenham)	Nominated by the Governing Body. Ms Chew is a Chartered Accountant and a partner in a medium size London based accountancy firm. She will be able to bring her experience of finance to the Governing Body. Ms Chew previously held a position as a non-executive director on Bromley NHS Trust until April 2011.

Hawes Down Junior School – one LA Governor vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Mrs Chantelle Pitrik.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mrs Julie Fox (Beckenham)	Nominated by Cllr Nicholas Bennett. Mrs Fox is a highly experienced school governor and has served over fifteen years on Bromley Governing Bodies. She is the Chair of the Bromley Governor Link Governor Association.

Holy Innocents RC Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy has been created by the resignation of Mrs Linda Gabriel.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mrs Vanessa Copper (Bromley)	Nominated by the Governing Body. Mrs Copper is the Finance and Office Manager of the Archdiocese of Southward Commission. She has experience in financial control/ budgeting and buildings. Mrs Copper has responsibilities for the administration of senior leadership appointments and foundation governor appointments.

James Dixon Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy has been created by the resignation of Reverend Maggie Jones.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mrs Janice Mackay (Anerley)	Nominated by the Governing Body. Mrs Mackay is a very experienced hardworking governor having served the Governing Body of James Dixon Primary School for 15 years. She is a former Chair of Governors and works as a senior social worker in the Borough of Lewisham. Mrs Mackay is currently serving as a community governor.

Raglan Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mrs Linda Rodin completes a four year term of office on 12 December 2011.

Names

Mrs Linda Rodin
(Orpington)

Details

Nominated by the Governing Body.
Mrs Rodin has served on the Governing Body of Raglan Primary School for four years. She is an appointed governor panel member for Head teachers Performance Management. Mrs Rodin is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.

Unicorn Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy has been created by the end of term resignation of Cllr Peter Dean.

Name

Ms Denise Riley
(Beckenham)

Details

Nominated by the Governing Body.
Ms Riley has recently retired from full time employment as the financial controller of a private members club for 16 years. She is now a Mentor working with various schools in Bromley and Southwark, providing a mentoring and life coaching to students from 11 to 19 years.