

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

Date: **For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 21 February 2012**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

TITLE: MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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Ward: Chislehurst

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 LA Governor appointments to schools and academies:
Edgebury 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 2020 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

Edgebury Primary School – One LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mr David Benaron completes a four year term of office on 31 March 2012. Therefore this appointment will take effect from 1 April 2012.

Name

Mr David Benaron
(Chislehurst)

Details

Mr Benaron has served the Governing Body of Edgebury Primary School for 10 years. Until recently he was the Chair of Governors, a post he held for four years. Mr Benaron is a member of both the Resources and Buildings & Sites Committees. He is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.