

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

Date: **For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20 March 2012**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

TITLE: MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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Ward: Orpington, Cray Valley West, Cray Valley East.

1. Reason for report

1.1 LA Governor appointments to schools and academies:

Blenheim Primary School

Gray's Farm Primary School

Poverest Primary School

St Mary Cray 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: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 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):
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

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

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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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 Interim Executive Board)(England) Regulations 2010

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

DETAILS OF LA GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Blenheim Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy has been created by the resignation of Cllr Peter Hobbins.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Ms Mary Cooke (Orpington)	Nominated by Cllr Lydia Buttinger. Ms Cooke is EMdoc Operation Manager based at Beckenham. She has a career in sales, marketing and customer service, although she began her career as a maths teacher. Ms Cooke joined EMdoc in 2003 and this has given her in depth understanding of local issues and she is keen to develop further involvement with her local community.

Gray's Farm Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Sam Webber completes a four year term of office on 29 April 2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Sam Webber (Chislehurst)	Mr Webber is the current Chair of Governors of Gray's Farm Primary School. He is willing to serve for a further four year term of office. Mr Webber has attended governor training.

Poverest Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy has been created by the resignation of Mr Andrew Senft.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Ms Michelle Booker (Orpington)	Nominated by the Governing Body. Ms Booker is a School Improvement Adviser to primary schools in LB Greenwich. She lives in Bromley and very keen to be involved with schools in her local community. She has a wealth of skills she can offer the Governing Body of Poverest Primary School.

St Mary Cray Primary School – three LA Governor vacancies will be created when the Governing Body of St Mary Cray Primary School makes the transition back to a permanent Governing Body, May 2012.

The Governing Body of St Mary Cray Primary School has made significant progress and is now making the transition from Shadow Governing Body to permanent Governing Body in line with current regulations, The School Governance (Transition from Interim Executive Board)(England) Regulations 2010.

The original School Instrument of Government for St Mary Cray Primary School allows for a total of 14 governors, three of which are LA governor appointments.

One nomination is provided below and work is in progress to provide provision for the remaining LA Governor vacancies.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Reverend Paul Prentice (Orpington)	Nominated by the Governing Body. Reverend Prentice is the Priest of the local church, St Andrew's Church, St Mary Cray. He was appointed as LA Governor to the Shadow Governing Body of St Mary Cray Primary School on 15 March 2011. (DCYP11043) Reverend Prentice has previous experience of working with Bromley schools and strongly believes in community involvement. He is willing to be reappointed as an LA Governor and to serve the permanent Governing Body for a four year term of office.