

Report No.
ED12022

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Education Portfolio Holder

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Education PDS Committee on 11 September 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: **MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

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Ward: Orpington, Copers Cope, Clock House, Darwin, Bromley Common and Keston, West Wickham, Cray Valley East

1. Reason for report

1.1 LA Governor appointments to schools and academies:

Burwood School	Clare House Primary School
Churchfields Primary School	Downe Primary School
Keston CE Primary School	Oak Lodge Primary School
St Mary Cray Primary School	Worsley Bridge Junior School

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

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

2.2 **It is recommended that the Executive Member for Education approve the appointments subject to CRB checks.**

Corporate Policy

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

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable: Further Details
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable: Further Details
 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: 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 Interim Executive Board) (England) Regulations 2010.

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

DETAILS OF LA GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Burwood School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Cllr Pauline Tunncliffe completes a four year term of office on 10 September 2012.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Cllr Pauline Tunncliffe (Orpington Ward)	Cllr Tunncliffe has served on the Governing Body of Burwood School for four years. She is willing to be reappointed for a further term of office.

Clare House Primary School – two LA Governor vacancies will be created when Mrs Janet Tibbalds and Mr Enkanah Soobadoo both complete a four year term of office on 31 August 2012.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mrs Janet Tibbalds (Beckenham)	Mrs Tibbalds is the Chair of Governors and has served on the Governing Body for 25 years. During her time as Chair she has introduced considerable changes to the operation of the Governing Body. Her particular interests include the development of children and the impact of education in school on that process; the recruitment and development of staff for the benefit of the organisation and to encourage and maintain their commitment. Mrs Tibbalds is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.

Mr Enkanah Soobadoo (Beckenham)	Mr Soobadoo has served the Governing Body of Clare House for over fifteen years. He regularly attends governor training. Mr Soobadoo is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.
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Churchfields Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mr David Hughes completes a four year term of office on 31 August 2012.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mr David Hughes (Beckenham)	Mr Hughes has served as a governor for over 20 years. He is the Chair of the Resources Committee. Mr Hughes regularly attends governor training. He is willing to be reappointed for a further four year term of office.

Downe Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mrs Jane Thornton completes a four year term of office on 10 September 2012.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mrs Jane Thornton (Downe)	Mrs Thornton has served the Governing Body of Downe Primary School for 9 years. She is the Chair of the Curriculum Committee and regularly attends governor training. Mrs Thornton has a background of 30 years as a secondary school teacher. Mrs Thornton is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.

Keston CE Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy has been created by the resignation of Ms Jane Short.

Name

Mrs Katherine Blair
(Bromley)

Details

Nominated by the Governing Body.
Mrs Blair is an experienced teacher with 36 years service during which time she has served Deputy Headteacher for 18 years and an Acting Headteacher for a year. She has served as a staff governor for 12 years. Mrs Blair is committed to providing a high level of education in the fast moving and changeable education environment.

Oak Lodge Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mrs Ann Medhurst completes a four year term of office on 31 August 2012.

Name

Mrs Ann Medhurst

Details

Mrs Medhurst is the Chair of Governors. She is now a retired School Business Manager having worked in schools for 20 years. Mrs Medhurst regularly attends Governor Training, Briefings and Forums. She is an active member of the following Governing Body's committees - Learning and Teaching, Personnel and Resources. Mrs Medhurst is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.

St Mary Cray Primary School – an LA Governor vacancy has been created when the Governing Body transferred from Temporary Governing Body to the original constitution of 14 governors.

Name

Mrs Helen Fiorini
(Beckenham)

Details

Supported by the Chair of Governors.
Mrs Fiorini is a qualified teacher who has had previous experience having served on a secondary school governing body as a staff governor. She is currently employed with Bromley Governor Services organising and delivering Governor training. She will be able to contribute a range of skills and knowledge to the Governing Body. Mrs Fiorini has clear ideas on the monitoring role of a Governing Body and will be able to support the Governing Body on all the key issues within school improvement.

Worsley Bridge Junior School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mr Stephen Powell completes a four year term of office on 29 September 2012.

Name

Mr Stephen Powell

Details

Mr Powell has served as a governor for 20 years. He is a member of the Governing Body's Resource Committee and is the former Chair of Governors. Mr Powell attends regular governor training and forums. He is willing to be reappointed for a further four year term of office.