

Decision Maker: Education Portfolio Holder

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Education PDS Committee on 6 November 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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Ward: Orpington, Cray Valley West, Bromley Common and Keston, Bickley, Penge and Cator

1. Reason for report

1.1 LA Governor appointments to schools and academies:

Burwood School

Midfield Primary School

Princes Plain Primary School

Scotts Park Primary School

St Anthony's RC Primary School

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **Members of the Education 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:
 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.

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

DETAILS OF LA GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Burwood School – two LA Governor vacancies will be created when Mrs Jane Clark completes a four year term of office on 10 November 2012 and Mrs Dolores Ward completes a four year term of office on 12 January 2013. Therefore, these appointments will take effect from 11 November 2012 and 13 January 2013 respectively.

Names

Mrs Jane Clark
(Orpington)

Details

Mrs Clark has served on the Governing Body of Burwood School for four years. She is a very experienced governor who also serves on a local primary school governing body. Mrs Clark is the designated governor responsible for Safeguarding, and is a regular attendee of governor training. She is willing to be reappointed for a further four year term of office.

Mrs Dolores Ward
(West Wickham)

Mrs Ward has served on the Governing Body of Burwood School for four years. She is an experienced governor having served previously on a secondary school governing body. She is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.

Midfield Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mrs Linda Sokoloff completes a four year term of office on 9 December 2012. Therefore, this appointment will take effect from 10 December 2012.

Name

Mrs Linda Sokoloff
(Orpington)

Details

Mrs Sokoloff has served on the Governing Body of Midfield Primary School as an LA Governor for 8 Years. She is a highly valued Governor who met with Ofsted during the School's last inspection. She serves on both the Attendance Strategy Committee and the Standards and Achievement Committee. Mrs Sokoloff is willing to be reappointed for a further four year term of office.

Princes Plain Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Reverend Roger Bristow completes a four year term of office on 9 December 2012. Therefore, this appointment will take effect from 10 December 2012.

Name

Reverend Roger Bristow
(Bromley)

Details

Reverend Bristow has served on the Governing Body of Princes Plain Primary School for over 14 years and has served as Chair of Governors from 2005. Reverend Bristow is the designated governor with responsibility for SEN, Safeguarding and LAC and regularly attends governance courses, forums and briefings. He is willing to be reappointed for a further four year term of office.

Scotts Park Primary School – two LA Governor vacancies have been created by the resignation of both Mrs Doris Gruenes and Mr Patrick Walsh.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mr Adrian Donoghue (Bromley)	Nominated by the Governing Body. Mr Donoghue is a retired Construction Director who has had previous experience of serving as a school governor of a Bromley school. He has an expertise in buildings and finance. Mr Donoghue originally applied to LBB Governor Services as he would like to volunteer in his local area.
Ms Leah Coveney (Bromley)	Nominated by Cllr Nicholas Bennett. Ms Coveney is a student Social Worker and would like to become more involved in her local community. She previously worked for ten years in business where she supervised staff, managed budgets and sat on various committees. Ms Coveney is currently in her third year of a social work degree and would like the opportunity to contribute to the vision and long term future of a local primary school.

St Anthony's RC Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mr Jonathan Appleby completes a four year term of office on 10 November 2012. Therefore this appointment will take effect from 11 November 2012.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mr Jonathan Appleby	Mr Appleby has served on the Governing Body of St Anthony's RC Primary School for 12 years. He is the Vice Chair of Governors, a member of all committees and is the Chair of the Governing Body's Site and Accommodation Committee. Mr Appleby regularly attends school governor training and is willing to be reappointed for a further four year term of office.