

Decision Maker: Education Portfolio Holder

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 19 March 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: **MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES – ST OLAVE’S AND ST SAVIOUR’S GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

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Ward: Orpington

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 Part of new arrangements agreed by the Council on 12 November 2012 now allows Portfolio Holder “routine” decisions to be made without the need for pre-decision scrutiny at a PDS Committee. However, for LA Governor appointments where there are two nominations for one vacancy, the PDS Committee is therefore requested to consider and comment on the appointment prior to the Portfolio Holder making a decision.
- 1.2 The school is St Olave’s and St Saviour’s Grammar School – further details are set in Appendix 1 to this report.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **Members of the Education PDS Committee are requested to note and comment on the nominations to St Olave’s and St Saviours School Governing Bodies.**
- 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: 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): 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: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Details of the LA Governor vacancy which has arisen where there are more nominations than vacancies, set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 The names of the applicants for the LA Governor vacancy is 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 Education Portfolio Plan for 2013.

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

St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Cllr Julian Grainger completes a four year term of office on 14 February 2013. Therefore, this appointment will take effect from 15 February 2013.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Cllr Julian Grainger (Chelsfield and Pratts Bottom)	Cllr Grainger is an experienced governor who has served as a Bromley School Governor for over 20 years and as an LA Governor of St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School for 9 years. He is also the appointed LA Governor for Chelsfield Primary School and a regularly attends Governor training the Association of Link Governors termly meetings. Cllr Grainger is willing to be reappointed for a further four year term of office.
Cllr Robert Evans	<p>Nominated by the Chair of Governors.</p> <p>Cllr Evans has enjoyed a long career in education including Deputy Headships in the Independent sector and a Headship of a maintained school. He has served as a Governor at The Priory School for 4 years including 2 years as Chair of Governors.</p> <p>He is currently a Governor of Ravens Wood School, Member of Management Board of Pupil Referral Unit and Member of Adoption Panel. Cllr Evans is the appointed LBB representative on Court of University of Kent and Court of St Olave's & St Saviour's Foundation.</p> <p>He has admired and been interested in St. Olave's and St Saviour's School particularly since being a member of the Foundation Court. Cllr Evans would like to use his experience of education to help further the development of the school.</p>