

**Decision Maker: EDUCATION PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

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

**Date: Tuesday 19 March 2013**

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent                      Executive                      Non-Key

**Title: UPDATE FROM SCHOOL GOVERNANCE WORKING PARTY**

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**Chief Officer:** Director of Resources

**Ward:** Borough-wide

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013, the Education PDS Committee established a School Governance Working Party to ensure that the Local Authority had a pool of well trained governors able to play an effective role in ensuring that schools are well governed.
  - 1.2 The School Governance Working Party met on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to discuss a range of issues impacting on the recruitment, role and responsibilities of Local Authority Governors and consider ways in which this could be better developed.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **Members of the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee are asked to comment on the recommendations of the School Governance Working Group.**

2.1 **The Education Portfolio Holder is asked to:**

**(i) consider any comments arising from the Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee;**

**(ii) support the recommendations of the School Governance Working Group.**

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
  4. Total current budget for this head: £320,320
  5. Source of funding: Existing 2012/13 budget
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 8 posts (7.22 fte) in the Democratic Services Team.
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - No Government Guidance
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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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? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013, the Education PDS Committee established a School Governance Working Party to ensure that the Local Authority had a pool of well trained governors able to play an effective role in ensuring that schools are well governed.
- 3.2 The School Governance Working Party met on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to discuss a range of issues impacting on the recruitment, role and responsibilities of Local Authority Governors and consider ways in which this could be better developed.
- 3.3 The minutes of the meeting of the School Governance Working Party from 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 are attached as **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 The Chairman's report outlining the recommendations of the School Governance Working Party is attached as **Appendix B**.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None.