

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

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 23rd 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 12th 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 23rd 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 12th 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 12th 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**.

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