
Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 10th April 2013

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

Title: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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Ward: (All Wards)

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 In May each year, the Committee considers a report on the appointment of Council representatives to serve on Outside Bodies and Partnership Bodies. Most appointments are renewed annually, but a small number run for longer periods and do not necessarily tie in with the Council year. The period of appointment to the Court of Governors of the St Olave's and St Saviours Grammar School Foundation expires on 30th April 2013, and the Committee is asked to consider re-appointing the current Members, or appointing new Members. The Committee is also reminded that appointment to the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust was deferred at the last meeting – further information is included.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Committee approves the following appointments –

(1) subject to confirmation of their views, Councillors Neil Reddin and Robert Evans be re-appointed to the Court of Governors of St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School Foundation for the three year term expiring 30th April 2016.

(2) one Councillor be appointed to the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors for the remainder of the three year term of office ending in May 2015.

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: 2012/13 Revenue Budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 8 posts (7.22fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Liaison with outside bodies about council appointments forms a very small proportion of one post within the Democratic Services Team.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 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? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 Most outside body appointments are made on an annual basis by the Committee at its first meeting of the Council year in May, but a number of appointments are for longer periods which do not necessarily match the Council year. Appointments to two bodies need to be considered as follows.

Court of Governors of St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School Foundation

3.2 The term of office of the two current Council appointees, Councillors Neil Reddin and Robert Evans, expires on 30th April 2013. Appointments are for periods of three years. Officers are currently checking that Councillors Reddin and Evans wish to continue serving on this body. The Court of Governors is different from the school governing body; it is part of the Foundation covering not only the school in Orpington, but the St Saviour's and St Olave's Girls' School in Southwark.

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

3.3 The Council appoints one representative to the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors for three year terms of office. Councillor Michael Turner, the current Mayor of Bromley, represented the Council for some time, but he has decided not to continue. A vacancy therefore exists for the remainder of the three year term expiring in May 2015. At the last meeting, the appointment was deferred to seek further information on the appointment from the Care Services Portfolio Holder and the Director of Education and Care Services.

3.4 Further information has been obtained as follows. The Council of Governors consists of 47 governors – 12 public governors (4 each for Bromley, Bexley and Greenwich), 12 service user/carer governors, 7 staff governors and 16 appointed governors, including one Councillor from each of the three boroughs. The Council of Governors agrees the strategic direction of the Trust and its services and represents the views of the Trust's members, working closely with the Board of Directors. It is recommended that Bromley should continue to be represented on the Council of Governors.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Previous reports to General Purposes and Licensing Committee on outside body appointments.