

Decision Maker: **Children and Young People Portfolio Holder**

Date: **For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 14 July 2011**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

TITLE: MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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Ward: Copers Cope, Farnborough and Crofton, Mottingham and Chislehurst North, Shortlands, Kelsey and Eden Park, Cray Valley East, Chislehurst, Hayes and Coney Hall.

1. Reason for report

1.1 LA Governor appointments to schools:

Bromley Road Infant School	Marian Vian Primary School
Darrick Wood Infant School	Riverside School
Darrick Wood Junior School	St Peter and St Paul RC Primary School
Dorset Road Infant School	Unicorn Primary School
Highfield Infant School	

1.2 LA Governor reappointments/confirmation and LAAP authorisation to academies:

Hayes School

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **It is recommended that the Executive Member for Children and Young People approve the appointments subject to CRB checks.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy: The Bromley Education Development Plan aims to fill 95% of LA Governor vacancies within three months of becoming vacant.
 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 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.
- 3.3 Details of the continuation of appointment (confirmation) of LA Governors included within **Appendix 2**.
- 3.4 Details of approval of Local Authority Associated Person (LAAP) to an Academy Board of Governors as set out in **Appendix 2**.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All Council Members and Governing Bodies have been consulted.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 See above.

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.
- 7.2 The School Governance (Transition from an Interim Executive Board) (England) Regulations 2004.

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

DETAILS OF GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Bromley Road Infant School – two LA Governor vacancies will be created when Mr Stuart Dixon completes a three year term of office on 31 August 2011, and Mr Andrew Bostridge on 13 October 2011.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mr Andrew Bostridge (Beckenham)	Mr Bostridge is the current Chair of the Governing Body. He is very experienced, having served as a governor from 2005. He is a member of the Governing Body's Finance, Personnel and Curriculum committees. He attends regular governor training such as Safer Recruitment, Child Protection and Finance. Mr Bostridge is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.
Mr Stuart Dixon (Beckenham)	Mr Dixon has served the Governing Body of Bromley Road Infant School for six years. He is a member of the Finance Committee and the Performance Management committee. Mr Dixon has attended Governor Finance Training and LA Governors Forums.
Cllr Stephen Wells (Copers Cope Ward)	Cllr Wells is a very experienced school governor, having served on secondary, primary and special school governing bodies. He is currently one of the LA Governors of Worsley Bridge School. Cllr Wells would welcome the opportunity to serve as an LA Governor of Bromley Road Infant School which is sited within Copers Cope Ward.

Darrick Wood Infant School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Cllr Charles Joel completes a four year term of office on 19 September 2011.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Cllr Charles Joel (Farnborough and Crofton Ward)	Cllr Joel has served on the Governing Body of Darrick Wood Infant School for 8 years. He is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.

Darrick Wood Junior School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Cllr Charles Joel completes a four year term of office on 19 September 2011.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Cllr Charles Joel (Farnborough and Crofton Ward)	Cllr Joel has served the Governing Body of Darrick Wood Junior School for 8 years. He is willing to serve for a further four year term of office.

Dorset Road Infant School – one LA Governor vacancy will be created when Mrs Wendy Davis completes a term of office on 25 June 2011.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mrs Wendy Davies (Greenwich)	Mrs Davies has served the Governing Body of Dorset Road Infant School for 9 years. She is a very experienced governor who previously was elected Chair of Governors and is currently the appointed Safeguarding Governor. Mrs Davis is willing to serve a further term of office.

Highfield Infant School – two LA Governor vacancies will be created when Mrs Carol Collins and Mr Anthony Chase both complete a four year term of office on 18 September 2011. Mrs Collins will be resigning at the end of her term of office.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mr Anthony Chase (Bromley)	Mr Chase is the current Chair of Governors. He is a very experienced governor and, prior to his appointment as an LA Governor, he served for two terms of office as a partnership governor. He regularly attends Governor Forums and training.

Marian Vian Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy has been created by the resignation of Mr Michael Lawrence.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Ms Anuja Prashar (Beckenham)	Nominated by Cllr Reg Adams and Cllr Tom Papworth. Ms Prashar is a Higher Education Lecturer of Hult International Business School, London. She lives local to the school and has an interest and commitment to education and life long learning. Ms Prashar has a local business and has experience of both finance and general management.

Riverside School – two LA Governor vacancies will be created when Ms Jasmine Berry and Mrs Linda Keeble both complete a four year term of office on 31 August 2011.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Ms Jasmine Berry (Anerley)	Ms Berry is the Vice Chair of Governors, and a long serving Bromley Governor, having served as an LA Governor for seventeen years. She is a special needs teacher and previously served as an LA Governor and Chair of Governors of Woodbrook School prior to the amalgamation. Ms Berry regularly attends LA Governors and Chair of Governors forums and briefings.
Mrs Linda Keeble (Bromley)	Mrs Keeble has served the Governing Body for four years. She is the Chair of the Resource Committee and a member of the Performance Management committee. Mrs Keeble has a background in HR having worked until retirement for L.B Bromley as an HR consultant. She is willing to served for a further four years and welcomes the opportunity to use her expertise in personnel matters and contribute to the success of Riverside School.

St Peter and St Paul RC Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy is created by the resignation of Mrs Ann O'Connor.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Mrs Christina Alexander (Orpington)	Nominated by the Governing Body. Mrs Alexander is an active member of the Governing Body. She originally served as a parent governor for four years. Her child is moving on to secondary school at the end of term and therefore Mrs Alexander would like the opportunity to represent the Local Authority as an LA Governor on the Governing Body. Mrs Alexander has strategic HR expertise and is fully committed to the Governing Body of St Peter and St Paul RC Primary School.

Unicorn Primary School – one LA Governor vacancy has been created by the resignation of Mrs Jan Ottley.

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Mrs Paula Mestre
(Beckenham)

Nominated by the Governing Body.
Mrs Mestre is a qualified solicitor of 10 years and specialises in commercial property. She has a strong background in contract law, having worked as an in-house solicitor for an AIM listed company in Bromley.

DETAILS OF GOVERNOR MEMBERSHIP AS A RESULT OF ACADEMY CONVERSION

The Academies Act 2010 has enabled all schools to consider the conversion process to Academy Status. With the agreement of their Governing Bodies and full consultation, the following Schools have followed the legal process and have recently converted to Academy Status.

1. The Academy Trusts for each school included below have agreed the composition of their Governing Bodies and, whilst there is not a legal requirement to do so, they wish to retain an LA appointed Governor and have requested that the following nominees be appointed or reconfirmed as LA Governor to their Academy Governing Bodies.

All nominations have been provided by each Academy and were all originally appointed as LA Governors prior to conversion.

Hayes School

1. To confirm the appointment of the current LA Governor originally appointed 10 October 2010.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Ms Tamsin Mills (Beckenham)	Nomination from the Chair of Governors. Ms Mills is a Director of Accreditation Services for the Chartered Insurance Institute. She has skills in training and professional development; assessment and benchmarking of standards; compliance and management of business areas, projects and achievement.

The Trust Body of the following Academy has requested that the Portfolio Holder authorise a Local Authority Associated Person (LAAP) to serve as a parent governor.

The Companies Act 2006, clause 138, states that "No person who is a Local Authority Associated Person is eligible to be appointed to the office of Governor unless his appointment to such office is authorised by the local authority to which he is associated".

2. The Portfolio Holder is requested to authorise the appointment of a current Parent Governor who is employed by the London Borough of Bromley as a Local Authority Associated Person.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>
Ms Susannah French (Hayes)	Ms French is an elected Parent Governor of the Governing Body of Hayes School. She is employed at the Bromley Education Development Centre as the Business Services Manager.