

TITLE OF REPORT: **Nomination of Local Authority School Governors**

REPORT OF: **Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

Purpose of the Report

1. Cabinet is asked to nominate local authority governors to schools seeking to retain their local authority governor in accordance with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations.

Background

2. The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations require all governing bodies to adopt a model for their size and membership. The regulations prescribe which categories of governor must be represented and what the level of representation is for each. The local authority's nomination is subject to the approval of the governing body. If approved, the nominee is appointed by the governing body.

Proposal

3. It is proposed that Cabinet approves the nominations to schools as shown in appendix 1.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that Cabinet:
 - (i) approves the nominations for appointment/reappointment of local authority governors;
 - (ii) notes the term of office as determined by the schools' Instrument of Government.

For the following reason:

To ensure the School Governing Bodies have full membership.

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APPENDIX 1

Policy Context

1. In accordance with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations, local authorities can nominate any eligible person as a local authority governor. Statutory guidance encourages local authorities to appoint high calibre governors with skills appropriate to the school's governance needs, who will uphold the school's ethos, and to nominate candidates irrespective of political affiliation or preferences. A person is disqualified as a local authority governor if they are eligible to be a staff governor at the same school.

Consultation

2. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People has been consulted.

Alternative Options

3. The alternative option would be to make no nomination/appointment to the vacancies, leaving governing bodies under strength and less likely to demonstrate the correct configuration.

Implications of Recommended Option

4. Resources:

a) **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director Resources and Digital confirms there are no financial implications arising from this report.

b) **Human Resources Implications** – None

c) **Property Implications** - None

5. **Risk Management Implication** - None

6. **Equality and Diversity Implications** - None

7. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – None

8. **Health Implications** - None

9. **Climate Emergency and Sustainability Implications** - None

10. **Human Rights Implications** - None

11. **Area and Ward Implications** - None

Background Information

12. The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations.

In accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, the following local authority governors are nominated for a period of four years (as stipulated in the individual Instruments of Government) with effect from the dates stated below:

| School | Nomination | Date from |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Crookhill Community Primary School | Cllr Freda Geddes | 6 th November 2022 |
| Larkspur Community Primary School | Cllr Judith Gibson | 8 th November 2022 |
| Blaydon West Primary School | Cllr Lee-Ann Moir | 22 nd June 2022 |
| Eslington Primary School | Cllr Angela Douglas | 8 th June 2022 |

Notes:

- Cllr Freda Geddes and Cllr Judith Gibson are reappointments and are supported by the Chair/Headteacher.
- Cllr Lee-Ann Moir is a new nomination from Labour Group and was until recently LA governor at St Mary's RC Primary School.
- Cllr Angela Douglas is a new nomination and was until recently LA governor at Eslington & Furrowfield Federation (the governing body has agreed to de-federate and Cllr Douglas is being put forward for the new governing body at Eslington Primary School).