

TITLE OF REPORT: Nomination of Local Authority School Governors

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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. Schools - 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 nomination for appointment/reappointment of a Local Authority Governor; and
 - (ii) notes the term of office as determined by the schools' Instrument of Government.

For the following reason:

To ensure the School Governing Body has 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.

Background

2. As above.

Consultation

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

Alternative Options

4. 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

5. **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
6. **Risk Management Implication** - None
7. **Equality and Diversity Implications** - None
8. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – None
9. **Health Implications** - None
10. **Climate Emergency and Sustainability Implications** - None
11. **Human Rights Implications** - None
12. **Ward Implications** - None

Background Information

13. 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
Windy Nook Primary School	Cllr Rachel Mullen	4 th February 2024
Bensham Grove Nursery School	Cllr Catherine Donovan	25 th February 2024
Rowlands Gill Primary School	Mr Jamie Park	14 th November 2023

Notes

- Cllr Mullen is a reappointment that is supported by the school
- Cllr Donovan is a reappointment that is supported by the school
- Jamie Park is a new appointment