

REPORT OF THE FIRST CLASS EDUCATION AND CHILDREN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9th March 2006

First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Members:

*Cllr Andrew Harper (Chairman)
*Councillor Jazmin Naghar

Councillors:

Gerard Silverstone	* Agnes Slocombe
* Duncan Macdonald	* Ann Hutton

* denotes member present

\$ denotes member absent on Council business

1. THE APPOINTMENT OF LA SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members submit, in the following terms, their proposed recommendations to Council on the appointment of LA School Governors. Councillor Andrew Harper will present the report.

At the Council meeting on 14 December 2004, it was resolved that the former Education and Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee *should investigate and if considered necessary recommend ways in which the Council could modernise how it makes appointments to School Governing Bodies.*

The Committee considered a report on the appointment of LA governors on 19.09.2005, 28.11.2005, 1.02.2006 and 9.03.2006. The Committee agreed that the selection criteria for the appointment and removal of LA governors should be set out in a transparent way and that in the first instance, nominations from Political Parties be invited for consideration by the Council and if vacancies are not filled in three months, that the field of candidates be widened to incorporate applications from members of the local community, local groups and Council employees. Any vacancies which have been in existence for three months or more at the time of adoption be immediately open to nominations from the wider community. Where this does take place, the Committee agreed that these applications (from the wider community) are put forward by Governor Services according to the appointment criteria.

For the reasons set out in this report, the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee-

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL-

- 1. That the criteria for the appointment and removal of LEA Governors are set out in a transparent way.**
- 2. That in the first instance, nominations from Political Parties be invited for consideration by the Council.**
- 3. That if vacancies are not filled in three months, that the field of candidates be widened to incorporate applications from members of the local community, local groups and Council employees. Any vacancies which have been in existence for three months or more at the time of adoption be immediately open to nominations from the wider community.**
- 4. That applications from the wider community are put forward by Governor Services according to the appointment criteria.**
- 5. That in 12 months time, a review of school governor vacancies is carried out by the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**