

REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

21 June 2006

Committee:

- *Councillor Joan Scannell (Chairman)
- *Councillor Mike Freer

Councillors:

- * Anita Campbell
- * Jack Cohen
(substituting for
Jeremy Davies)
- \$ Jeremy Davies
- * Lynne Hillan
- * Robert Rams
- * Ansuya Sodha

*denotes Member present

\$denotes Member absent on Council business

1. APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES AND OUTSIDE BODIES (Report of the Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 8)

The Democratic Services Manager circulated the Schedule of Nominations in respect of the Lists of Vacancies previously circulated in Appendices A, B, C and D and the Addendum to the report.

The Conservative’s nomination in respect of vacancy reference P.10.1 at Brunswick Park Primary School was changed to Mr Sam Banthan Jeyapalan. The Conservative’s nomination in respect of vacancy reference FS1.1 Ashmole Foundation was changed to Councillor Lisa Rutter. The Conservative’s nomination in respect of 1080 Member Nicholl & Daniel Homes Charity was changed to Dr Vanessa Gearson.

The Committee considered the report of the Democratic Services Manager.

In accordance with Paragraph 5.3 of Part 3 of the Constitution three members of the Committee required that the following appointments made by the Committee be referred to Council:

Ref	School	Appointment
P.27.5	Wessex Gardens Primary School	Mr F Dannenburg (Mr Jonathan Davies was unsuccessful)
VS8.1	St Michael’s Catholic Grammar School	Dr Vanessa Gearson (Councillor Kath McGuirk was unsuccessful)

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Meeting	General Functions Committee
Date	21 June 2006
Subject	Vacancies on School Governing Bodies and Outside Bodies
Report of Summary	Democratic Services Manager The Committee are asked to consider making appointments to various school governing bodies and Outside Bodies.
Officer Contributors	John Marr – Democratic Services Manager Manjit Kairo – Democratic Services Vishal Seegoolam – Democratic Services
Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	Not Applicable
Enclosures	Appendix A - List of Ordinary Vacancies on School Governing Bodies Appendix B – List of Vacancies Arising from Reconstitution of School Governing Bodies. Appendix C – List of Vacancies on School Governing Bodies Expiring on 31 August 2006. Appendix D – List of Vacancies on Outside Bodies
For decision by	General Functions Committee
Function of	Council
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in (if appropriate)	N/A

Contact for further information: Vishal Seegoolam or Manjit Kairo, Democratic Services, Tel: 020 8359 2039/2140.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Committee make appointments to fill the vacancies shown in the attached appendices.

1.2 That the Committee note that if vacancies on School Governing Bodies are not filled within three months, Governor Services may put forward nominations to these vacancies.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

2.1 The report of the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 March 2006, which was approved by Council on 11 April 2006, approved changes to the manner in which nominations are collected for School Governing Body vacancies. If vacancies on school governing bodies are not filled within three months, the field of candidates can be widened to incorporate applications from members of the local community, local groups and Council employees. These nominations are put forward by Governor Services according to the appointment criteria

3 CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 None in the context of this report.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None in the context of this report.

5 FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6 LEGAL ISSUES

6.1 None.

7 CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

7.1 Constitution - Part 3 - 1- Allocation of Local Choice Functions - 19 - appointments will be made by the Council, with delegation to the General Functions Committee.

8 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

8.1 VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Appendix A lists (in bold) all current vacancies now needing to be filled in the Council's representation on school governing bodies. There are a number of school governing bodies, which are due to reconstitute over the course of this year, which may lead to a reduction in the number of Local Authority (LA) governors on those bodies. It is not proposed to fill vacancies on these bodies until the position at each school is clarified.

The table at 8.4 shows the numbers of LA governors, including those vacancies which are not presently being filled. All persons appointed will hold office for four years from the date of appointment or until the governing body has been reconstituted under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003 if this has not already occurred.

8.2 VACANCIES ARISING FROM RECONSTITUTION OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003 the governing bodies of all schools in England must re-constitute themselves by 31 August 2006. The term of appointment of any governor appointed after 1 September 2003 finishes when the governing body reconstitutes and those governors may be reappointed. Under these regulations any governor appointed on or before 1 September 2003 will serve out their term of office until it ends or until 31 August 2006, whichever is the earliest. These governors may be reappointed.

Appendix B lists (in bold) vacancies due to arise in the near future in the Council's representation on school governing bodies as a result of reconstitution and Appendix C lists (in bold) vacancies which will expire on 31 August 2006. For vacancies in Appendix B, all persons appointed will hold office for four years from the date of reconstitution. For vacancies in Appendix C, all persons appointed will hold office for four years from 1 September 2006.

8.3 The Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancies

8.4 In order to reflect the political balance of the Council, the political balance on school governing bodies (as at 12 May 2006) should be: -

Conservative	160
Labour	87
Liberal Democrat	26
Total	273

The current balance on school governing bodies is: -

Conservative	150
Labour	89
Liberal Democrat	19
Vacancies	15
Total	273

8.5 REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Appendix D lists in bold the vacancies in the Council's representation on Outside Bodies.

As a result of the Council making available a grant to Community Focus, the Council are now required to appoint two representatives to this body. These vacancies are included in Appendix D.

The Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancies.

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

Legal: MEE

CFO: CM

**EXTRACT FROM SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES VACANCIES LIST
APPENDIX B**

7. Organisation:	Wessex Gardens Primary School		
No. of Representatives:	4 (REDUCING TO 3)		
Current Representatives			Vac Ref
1 - Mr F Dannenburg	(Appointed 18/05/2004)	P.27.1	} P27.5 P.27.6 P.27.7
Period of Appointment:	19/05/2004 to 18/05/2008	Conservative	
2 - Mr A Maund	(Appointed 28/06/2005)	P.27.2	
Period of Appointment:	29/06/2005 to 28/06/2009	Conservative	
3 - Mrs Vanessa Gearson	(Appointed 28/06/2005)	P.27.3	}
Period of Appointment:	29/06/2005 to 28/06/2009	Conservative	
4 - Councillor Monroe Palmer	(Resigned 13/09/2005)	P.27.4	}
Period of Appointment:	24/10/2005 to 23/10/2009	Liberal Democrat	
NB ONLY 3 POSTS TO BE FILLED AT WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL, THEREFORE ONLY 3 NOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED.			

Vacancy Ref	School	Current Representative	Nominations		
			Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat Governor Services
P.27.5	Wessex Gardens Primary School	Mr F Dannenburg Conservative (Appointed 18/05/2004) P.27.1	Mr F Dannenburg	Mr Jonathan Davies	
P.27.6		Mr A Maund Conservative (Appointed 28/06/2005) P.27.2	Mr A Maund		
		Mrs Vanessa Gearson Conservative (Appointed 28/06/2005) P.27.3			
P.27.7		Councillor Monroe Palmer Liberal Democrat (Resigned 13/09/2005) P.27.4	Dr Vanessa Gearson		
NB: WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS REDUCING TO 3 REPRESENTATIVES, THEREFORE ONLY 3 NOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED					

**EXTRACT FROM SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES VACANCIES LIST
APPENDIX C**

43. Organisation:	St Michaels Catholic Grammar School	
	No. of Representatives: 2	
	Current Representatives	Vac Ref
1 -	Councillor Kath McGuirk (Expires 31/08/2006)	VS8.1
	Period of Appointment: 01/09/2003 to 31/08/2006	Labour
2 -	Ms Margaret Pond (Expires 31/08/2006)	VS8.2
	Period of Appointment: 01/09/2003 to 31/08/2007	Conservative
N.B. APPOINTMENT WILL COMMENCE WEF 1 SEPTEMBER 2006		

Extract from

Vacancy Ref	School	Current Representative	Nominations			
			Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Governor Services
VP11.2	Rosh Pinah	Mrs Ellen Inerfield Conservative (Expires 31/08/2006)	Mrs Ellen Inerfield			
VP14.1	St Catherine's RC JMI School	Mr David J Barton Liberal Democrat (Expires 31/08/2006)		Mr David J Barton		
VS6.1	St James RC High School	Councillor Jane Ellison Conservative (Expires 31/08/2006)	Councillor Jane Ellison			
VP.21b.1	St Marys CE Junior School, NW4	Mrs D Hubbard Conservative (Expires 31/08/2006)	Mrs D Hubbard			
VP.20.2	St Marys CE School, N3	Mrs S Barker Labour (Expires 31/08/2006)		Mrs Barker		
VS8.1	St Michaels Catholic Grammar School	Councillor Kath McGuirk Labour (Expires 31/08/2006)	Dr Vanessa Gearson	Councillor Kath McGuirk		
VS8.2	St Michaels Catholic Grammar School	Ms Margaret Pond Conservative (Expires 31/08/2006)	Ms Margaret Pond			
VP.22.1	St Pauls CE School N11	Mr Soon-Hoe Teh Labour (Expires 31/08/2006)		Mr Soon - Hoe Teh		

NB: ALL APPOINTMENTS WILL COMMENCE WEF 1 SEPTEMBER 2006

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Enclosures	None
For decision by	General Functions Committee
Function of	Council
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in (if appropriate)	N/A

Contact for further information: Vishal Seegoolam, Democratic Services
020 8359 2039.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Committee make a nomination to fill the vacancy on the Regional Flood Defence Committee**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 None.

3 CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 None in the context of this report.

4 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None in the context of this report.

5 FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6 LEGAL ISSUES

- 6.1 None.

7 CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 7.1 Constitution - Part 3 - 1- Allocation of Local Choice Functions - 19 - appointments will be made by the Council, with delegation to the General Functions Committee.

8 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 8.1 The terms of office for all London local authority members of the Regional Flood Defence Committee have recently come to an end and an appointment of a new member is now required to represent the area covered by the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Harrow and Hounslow.
- 8.2 Appointments to the Regional Flood Defence Committee are required before their next meeting, which is due to take place in July. Appointees will hold office for a period up to the end of May 2010.
- 8.3 The most recent nomination is shown below

Organisation: Regional Flood Defence Committee - Nomination

Special Conditions:

Representative appointed jointly represents Barnet, Brent, Harrow and Hounslow and should reflect the political balance within London as well as geographical factors.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1	Councillor Brian Coleman (Expired 31/05/2006)	1125
	Period of Appointment: 01/06/2002 to 31/05/2006	Nominee

8.4 The Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancy

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

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