

	<p><b>General Functions Committee</b> <b>23 March 2015</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Vacancies on School Governing Bodies</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>Appendix A - List of Ordinary Vacancies on School Governing Bodies</p>
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<p><b>Summary</b></p>
<p>The committee is asked to consider making appointments to various school governing bodies.</p>

<p><b>Recommendation</b></p>
<p>1. That the committee make appointments to fill the vacancies shown in Appendix A.</p>

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 Any vacancies that arise must be appointed to ensure that a school's governing body is able to perform its duty in an efficient and effective manner.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 All state maintained primary, secondary and special schools, are accountable to their governing bodies, which in turn are accountable to parents and the community. Parent and staff representatives are elected to the governing body; the local authority appoints governors to the governing body and the relevant faith bodies appoint foundation governors in faith schools.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 Not applicable.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 The Governing Body Clerking service will be notified of the appointments.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 To ensure that the council has robust governance arrangements that enable the delivery of its objectives, as set out in the corporate plan, the council's decision making structures should be kept under review to ensure that they provide effective opportunities for resident participation and engagement.

### **5.2 Resources (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report

### **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.3.1 In accordance with the council's constitution (Responsibility for Functions) the General Functions Committee's responsibilities include the appointment of representatives to school governing bodies.

- 5.3.2 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

### **5.4 Risk Management**

- 5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

### **5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.5.1 All sectors of the community are eligible for nomination to the vacancies. It is

expected that all political parties will promote equalities and diversity when making nominations to vacancies.

**5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 Not applicable.

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None