
Meeting	General Functions Committee
Date	25 March 2014
Subject	Vacancies on School Governing Bodies
Report of Summary	Head of Governance The Committee is asked to consider making appointments to various School Governing Bodies.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	Not applicable
Key Decision	Not applicable
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable
Function of	Council
Enclosures	Appendix A - List of Ordinary Vacancies on School Governing Bodies
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Committee make appointments to fill the vacancies shown in Appendix A.**

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 To ensure that the Council has robust corporate governance arrangements, that enable the Council to deliver its objectives 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.
- 3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2013 – 2016 Corporate Plan are: –
- Promote responsible growth, development and success across the Borough.
 - Support families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and well-being.
 - Improve the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 None in the context of this report.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 All sectors of the community are eligible for nomination to the vacancies. It is expected that all political parties promote equalities and diversities when making nominations to vacancies.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 None.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 None in the context of this report.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

8.1 Constitution - Allocation of Local Choice Functions - appointments will be made by the Council, with delegation to the General Functions Committee.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Appendix A lists (in bold) all current vacancies now needing to be filled in the Council's representation on school governing bodies.
All persons appointed will hold office for four years from the date of appointment (unless otherwise indicated).

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

Cleared by Finance (Officer's initials)	Not Applicable
Cleared by Legal (Officer's initials)	Not Applicable