

GENERAL FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2015

The General Functions Committee is asked to make nominations to the vacancies shown below and shaded grey.
The Governor Support Service is invited to nominate a representative after a position has been vacant for three months or more.

DOLLIS JUNIOR SCHOOL					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Cllr Sury Khatri (C) Appointment expired	Vacancy*				

* Governor Support has advised that the governing body has expressed a preference for a candidate with HR and/or PR experience.

HOLLICKWOOD SCHOOL					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Cllr Reema Patel (L) Appointment expired 05/07/15	Expired*				

* Governor Support has indicated that Cllr Reema Patel wishes to be reappointed.

LIVINGSTONE SCHOOL					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Mrs Liz Pearson (C) Appointment expired 29/03/15	Expired*				
Mr Barry Evangeli (C) Resigned 24/11/14					
Mr Antonis Savvides (C) Appointment expired owing to reconstitution of the governing body on 06/03/15					

* Governor Support has indicated that Mrs Liz Pearson wishes to be reappointed.

MOSS HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Mrs Daisy Beswick (C) Appointment expired 05/09/14	Vacancy				
Mrs Rohini Abeyasinghe (L) Appointment expired 31/08/14					
Cllr Zakia Zubairi (L) Expired					

SACKS MORASHA FREE SCHOOL					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Not Applicable	Vacancy*				Ms Judy Lewis

* Governor Support has advised that Sacks Morasha is a new free school. The school has suggested Ms Judy Lewis be nominated as the local authority representative based on her experience and skills.

ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL (N20)					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Cllr Alison Cornelius (C) Appointment expired 23/04/2014	Vacancy*				

ST JOHN'S CE SCHOOL (N11)					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Mr Antonakis Vourou (L) Appointment expired 16/09/2013	Vacancy*				Mr Tony Vourou
Mr Adam Rynhold (C) Appointment expired 24/10/14					

* Governor Support has indicated that Mr Tony Vourou wishes to be re-appointed.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Ms Maria Accurso (C) Resigned 28/01/15	Vacancy				

ST PAUL'S CE SCHOOL (NW7)					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Cllr Joan Scannell (C) Appointment expired 24/01/15	Vacancy				

ST THERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Mrs Colinne Martyn (C) Resigned 2014	Vacancy				

BARNET EARLY YEARS ALLIANCE					
Current Representative & Period of Appointment	Status	Nominations			
		Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Gov Support
Not Applicable	Vacancy*				Ms Christine Hobart

* The Barnet Early Years Alliance is a federation of three nursery schools; Brookhill, Hampden Way and St Margaret's, which will come into effect on 1 September 2015. To facilitate the creation of the federation, a joint planning group was formed with the purpose of designing all aspects of the federation's organisation, including staffing and governance. Governor Support has been advised by the joint planning group that following detailed consideration, Ms Christine Hobart was recommended to be the local authority candidate based on her skills and experience as a governor at Hampden Way Nursery, together with the continuity of service which her appointment would provide.

1. BRIEFING NOTE ON RECONSTITUTION

All governing bodies of maintained schools must be constituted under the 2012 Constitution Regulations or the 2012 Federation Regulations, as appropriate, by 1 September 2015.

- The governing body must not be smaller than seven members, and must include (subject to the requirements regarding foundation governors in qualifying foundation schools and voluntary aided schools):
- at least two parent governors;
- the headteacher unless the headteacher resigns as a governor;
- one, and only one, staff governor;
- one, and only one, local authority governor; and
- the governing body may appoint as many additional co-opted governors as they consider necessary. However, the number of co-opted governors who are eligible to be elected or appointed as staff governors must not, when counted with the one staff governor and the headteacher, exceed one-third of the total membership of the governing body.

The 2012 regulations set out a fundamental change in how LA Governors are appointed; namely that LA Governors are nominated by the local authority but appointed by the governing body, based on eligibility criteria.

Those Governing Bodies that are in the process of reconstitution have requested that appointments to any existing vacancies be held (and not appointed to) until the reconstitution process is completed.

2. BRIEFING NOTE ON THE LA GOVERNOR NOMINATION PROCESS

For local authority governor appointments to Governing Bodies which have reconstituted, a governing body should make clear its eligibility criteria including its expectations of the credentials and skills prospective candidates should possess. Local authorities must then make every effort to understand the governing body's requirements in order to identify and nominate suitable candidates. It is for the governing body to decide whether the local authority nominee meets any stated eligibility criteria and, if it chooses to reject the candidate on that basis, to explain their decision to the local authority.

Once appointed, local authority governors must govern in the interests of the school and not represent or advocate for the political or other interests of the local authority; it is unacceptable practice to link the right to nominate local authority governors to the local balance of political power.

As highlighted in statutory guidance for maintained schools on the constitution of the governing body (the principles of which may also be of interest to academies), it is for whoever is appointing the governor to be confident that they have the necessary skills, including the willingness and ability to learn and develop as a governor. To make an informed decision on the matter an interview or detailed discussion will need to take place with each prospective candidate, with references (oral or written) taken as necessary and appropriate. *Governors' Handbook – Jan 2015*

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