

MAYOR AND CABINET			
Report Title	Appointment of Local Authority Governors		
Key Decision	Yes	Item No.	
Ward	Various		
Contributors	Executive Director for Children and Young People		
Class	Part 1	Date:	20 June 2012

1. Summary

- 1.1 The report sets out details of nominees for appointment as Local Authority governors.

2. Purpose

- 2.2 To consider and approve the appointment of Local Authority governors detailed in paragraph 6 below

3. Recommendations

The Mayor is recommended to:

- 3.1 Agree to appoint the nominees set out in paragraph 6;
- 3.2 Note the information concerning the new governors in Appendix 1

4. Policy Context

- 4.1 Lewisham's Children & Young People's Plan sets out our vision for improving outcomes for all children and the main purpose of a governing body is to account for the achievement of children and young people in their school. The appointment of governors is a vital element in achieving these aims.
- 4.2 The appointment of governors supports the broad priorities within Lewisham's Sustainable Community strategy in particular those of being "Ambitious and achieving" and Empowered and responsible". In particular, Governors help inspire our young people to achieve their full potential by removing the barriers to learning and the role of governors promotes volunteering and empowers citizens to be involved in their local area and responsive to the needs of those who live there.

- 4.3 Two specific corporate priorities that are relevant pertain to “Community leadership and empowerment” and “Young people’s achievement and involvement”.

5. Background

- 5.1 Every governing body, under Section 36 and Schedule 9 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, is required to have at least one representative of the Local Authority (LA) as part of its membership. A vacancy has arisen on the governing body of the educational establishments listed and a new appointment or re-appointment is required.
- 5.2 Appointments to school governing bodies are usually for a four-year term, unless stipulated otherwise in the Instrument of Government. The nominees listed in paragraph 6 would serve the normal 4 years.

6. Governors recommended for Appointment / Reappointment

Name	School	Constituency	Reappointment	New
Ms. R Clarke	Perrymount	Lewisham West	Yes	---
Fr Owen Beament	Kender	Lewisham Deptford	Yes	---
Mr Chris Tuffey	Sir Francis Drake	Lewisham Deptford	Yes	
Mr Paul Beresford	Coopers Lane	Lewisham East	Yes	
Ms. Jan Ibrahim	Holbeach	Lewisham West		Yes
Dr Simon Edwards	Haseltine	Lewisham West		Yes
Dr Danny Ruta	Bonus Pastor	Lewisham East		Yes

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1 Under Section 36 and Schedule 9 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 every governing body is required to have at least one representative of the Local Authority (LA) as part of its membership.

9 Crime and Disorder Implications

- 9.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

10. Equalities Implications

- 10.1 Lewisham Council's policy is to encourage all sections of the community to be represented as Local Authority governors. In particular, we would encourage further representation from the black community and minority groups including disabled people, who are currently under-represented as governors. The numbers of governors in these groups is kept under review.

11. Environmental Implications

- 11.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report.

12. Conclusion

- 12.1 The new governors detailed in Appendix 1 are either local people or have close connections with Lewisham and view being a governor as a way of serving the local community. Every governing body, under Section 36 and Schedule 9 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, is required to have at least one representative of the Local Authority (LA) as part of its membership. A vacancy has arisen on the governing body of the educational establishments listed and a new appointment or re-appointment is required.
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Background Documents

There are no background papers.

If there are any queries arising from this report, please contact Suhaib Saeed, Strategic Lead Governors' Services and School Leadership, Governors' Services, 3rd Floor, Laurence House, telephone 020 8314 7670

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APPENDIX 1

Name	School	Occupation	Residential Area	Précis of Suitability to be considered as a school governor	Governor Monitoring Information
Ms. Jan Ibrahim	Holbeach	Personnel Adviser	Blackheath SE3 7JP	Jan originally trained as a teacher but has worked in HR for 32 years, most recently in Lewisham Schools' HR. Jan also worked at Watergate Special School from 1998 to 2005 and has been a governor there since 2005. Jan has a wide range of skills and relevant experience which she can share with governor colleagues and Holbeach School.	<i>White British</i>
Dr. Simon Edwards	Haseltine	Head of Policy	Forest Hill SE23 3TG	Dr Edwards has been a resident in the area for over 10 years and has a genuine interest in the development of the local community and giving the best opportunities to young people through education. He has a strong academic background as well as expertise in strategic management skills which he can apply to supporting a school's governing body. Dr Edwards has extensive involvement in the local community and has recent experience of serving as a governor in a primary school.	<i>White British</i>

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Mr. Danny Ruta	Bonus Pastor	Director of Public Health	Woolwich SE18 6PL	Danny is a medically qualified Director of Public Health for Lewisham, and has for many years been a university teacher and researcher in public health. Danny has a passion for education and has worked closely with a number of Secondary schools over the years in Newcastle and more recently in Lewisham.	English born Italian