

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>			
<b>Report Title</b>	Governors' Services:- Local Authority Governors		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No.	
<b>Ward</b>	Rushey Green, Crofton Park and Lee Green		
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<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date:	13 November 2013

## 1. Summary

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

## 2. Purpose

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

## 3. Recommendation/s

The Mayor is recommended to:

- 3.1 agree to appoint the persons set out in paragraph 6 as Local Authority governors;
- 3.2 note the information concerning the recommended new and re-appointed 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. The main purpose of a governing body is to account for the achievement of children and young people in their schools.
- 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". Governors help inspire our young people to achieve their full potential and they also promote volunteering which allows them to be involved in their local area.

- 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 19 of the Education Act 2002 and School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007, is required to have at least one representative of the Local Authority as part of its membership. Free schools and Academies are exempt from this requirement. 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 persons listed in paragraph 6 would serve the normal 4 years.

**6. Governors recommended for Appointment / Reappointment as Local Authority governors at specific schools.**

Name	School	Reappointment	New appointment
Mrs. Sharon Farnley	Holbeach Primary		Yes
Ms. Rebecca Packwood	Rushey Green	Yes	
Ms. Ruth Jenkins	Dalmain Primary	Yes	
Ms. Catherine Farmer	St Winifred's Catholic Junior School	Yes	

**7. Financial implications**

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

**8. Legal implications**

- 8.1 Section 19 of the Education Act 2002 and School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007 require every governing body to have at least one representative of the Local Authority as part of its membership. Academies are exempt from this requirement.

**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 people who view being a governor as a way of utilising their skills and experience to make a difference to the lives of children and young people in Lewisham schools. Section 19 of the Education Act 2002 and Regulations made under it require every governing body to have at least one representative of the Local Authority as part of its membership. Academies are exempt from this requirement. A vacancy has arisen on the governing body of the educational establishments listed and a new 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Laurence House, telephone 020 8314 7670

New LA Governor Appointments and Re-appointments					APPENDIX 1
Name	School	Occupation	Residential Area	Précis of Suitability to be considered as a school governor	Governor Monitoring Information
Sharon Farnley	Holbeach	Legal Librarian	SE26	Sharon has been a parent governor for the past four years at Holbeach Primary School and has served on both the Curriculum and Pupil Welfare Committee and also the Resources and Finance Committee, where she is the current chair. She is the link governor for Early Years and Maths and is keen to continue to use her knowledge and expertise to date in her role as a Local Authority governor. Sharon has experience of training and managing staff and responsibility for large budgets.	Female White British
Rebecca Packwood	Rushey Green	Head of Corporate Services	SE6	Rebecca has been a governor at Rushey Green for 12 years and has made a very valuable contribution as Chair of the Personnel Committee, and the link governor for training and SEN. The Governing Body are extremely keen for her to be reappointed.	Female White British
Ruth Jenkins	Dalmain Primary School	Company Secretary	SE23	Ruth was a parent of children at Dalmain School from 1994 – 2006 and was chair of the Dalmain Home School Association from 1996 – 2006. She was an elected parent Governor at Dalmain from 2006 to 2009 and has been a LA Governor since 2009. She is the Chair of the Premises Sub committee and is very active governor.	Female White British
Catherine Farmer	St Winifred's Catholic Junior School	Press Officer/ Journalist	SE13	Catherine has been on the governing body of St Winifred's Catholic Junior School for the past few years and wishes to continue supporting the school. She is the school's SEN Link Governor	Female White British

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