

## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

### **Subject: Appointment of Parent Governor Representative (SEN)**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

### Summary of main issues

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Scrutiny Board's formal confirmation of the appointment of a new co-opted parent governor representative to the Board.
2. In addition to elected Members appointed by Council, the relevant Scrutiny Board dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives, in accordance in accordance with statutory requirements set out in the Local Government Act 2000:

- One Church of England diocese representative<sup>1</sup>
- One Roman Catholic diocese representative<sup>1</sup>
- Three parent governor representatives<sup>2</sup>

Where the Scrutiny Board deals with other non-educational matters the co-opted members may participate in any discussion but shall not be entitled to vote on those matters.

3. The Parent Governor Regulations (Representatives) England 2001 state that a local education authority shall appoint at least two parent governor representatives to each of their education overview and scrutiny committees and sub-committees. In October 2013 the Scrutiny Board resolved that a third parent governor for representative (SEN) be sought.

<sup>1</sup> Article 6 states this appointment shall be for a term of office that does not go beyond the next Annual Meeting of Council

<sup>2</sup> Article 6 states these appointments shall be for a four-year term of office

4. Following the Annual General Meeting of Council, all Parent Governors were contacted on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 and invited to become candidates for election to the position should they meet the criteria. In accordance with regulation the vacancy is usually filled by election, however no ballot is required where the number of vacancies to be filled is equal to or exceeds the number of candidates for election. On this occasion there was one candidate who expressed an interest in the position.
  - Ms Joanne Hazelgrave, Parent Governor at Beecroft Primary School.

## **Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to confirm the appointment of Ms Joanne Hazelgrave as the parent governor representative (SEN) for a four year term of office from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
6. **Background papers**<sup>3</sup>

None used

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<sup>3</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.