Item No.



Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

L.E.A. GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT PANEL – 9th September 2004

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY (LEA) GOVERNORS

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to request that the Panel appoint LEA Governors to the named Governing Bodies.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Panel is asked to appoint LEA Governors to the named Governing Bodies.

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications within this report.

4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications within this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

LEA Governors are appointed under the provisions of S36 and 37 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equal opportunity implications.

- 7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT** There is no environmental impact.
- 8. **WARD(S) AFFECTED** Several Wards of the Borough
- 9. **CONSULTEES** None
- 10. **CONTACT OFFICER** Milkinder Jaspal

11. **BACKGROUND PAPERS** Correspondence from Governing Bodies

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1. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this report is to request that the Panel appoint LEA Governors to the named Governing Bodies.

2.1 <u>Recommendations</u>

The Panel is asked to appoint LEA governors to the named governing bodies for a four year period (unless otherwise stated) or until the introduction of a New Instrument of Government arising from the Education Act 2002, whichever is sooner.

Explanatory Notes

*An asterisk indicates that a letter regarding the nomination has been received from the school. This has been circulated for consideration to the three political spokespersons for the Panel.

Governing bodies have to be re-constituted during the period 1st September 2003 to 31st August 2006 under the provisions of the Education Act 2002.

N– indicates the Governing Body has been constituted or re-constituted under the provisions of the Education Act 2002. The transitional arrangements under the regulations made under that Act are a little complex and affect, for example, periods of office. A letter has been sent to all schools explaining this and is appended, Appendix 1, for the information of the Panel.

3. <u>Governing Bodies requiring LEA Governors</u>

3.1. (a) Blackwood School requires the appointment of two LEA Governors. This arises because Mr. T. Charlton has resigned. This was deferred at the Administration and Audit Committee's meetings held on 17.2.2003, 1.4.2003, 23.6.2003 and 29.7.2003. This was deferred by the L.E.A. Governor Appointment Panel meetings held on 10.10.2003, 19.11.2003, 30.12.2003, 10.2.2004, 25.3.2004, 5.5.2004 and 13.7.2004.

A second vacancy arises on the Governing Body following the demise of Mr. P. Oglesby. This was deferred by the L.E.A. Governor Appointment Panel meetings held on **10.2.2004**, **25.3.2004**, **5.5.2004** and **13.7.2004**.

These appointments are from the date of appointment to 31.8.2006, or the introduction of a New

Instrument of Government if sooner.

Current LEA Governors are: Mr. R. Sugden and Mr. J. Meason. There are two vacancies for LEA Governors.

(b) Christ Church C. of E. (C) J.M.I. School requires the appointment of an LEA

Governor. This arises because Mr. P. Box has resigned. This was deferred at the Administration and Audit Committee's meetings held on 17.2.2003, 1.4.2003, 23.6.2003 and 29.7.200. This was deferred by the L.E.A. Governor Appointment Panel meetings held on 10.10.2003, 19.11.2003, 30.12.2003, 10.2.2004, 25.3.2004, 5.2004 and 13.7.2004.

This appointment is from the date of appointment to 31.8.2006, or the introduction of a new Instrument of Government if sooner.

Current LEA Governors are: Councillor R. Robinson and Councillor W. Tweddle. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor.

(c) Bentley West School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because the term of office of Mr. E. Perks ceased on 15.6.2004.

1/1/04 This was deferred at the L.E.A. Appointment Panel meetings held on 5.5.2004 and 13.7.2004. This appointment is for 4 years from the date of appointment

Current LEA Governors are:

Reverend P. Hunt and Mrs. M. Hurst.

There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor.

*A letter from the Chair of Governors has been received requesting the Panel to consider a change of membership for this vacancy

(d) Old Hall School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because Ms. G. Heer has resigned.

This was deferred at the L.E.A. Appointment Panel meeting held on 13.7.2004. This appointment is from the date of appointment to 31.8.2006, or the introduction of a New Instrument of Government if sooner.

Current LEA Governors are: Mrs. D. Green. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor.

(e) Green Rock Primary School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises N because Councillor Mrs. K. Phillips has resigned.

1/1/04 This appointment is for 4 years from the date of appointment.

> Current LEA Governors are: Mr. S. Fitzpatrick and Mr. E. Wilson. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor.

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(f) Hillary Primary School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because Mr. N. Matthews has not attended any meetings of the Governing Body during the last 6 1/9/03 months. The Panel is reminded that a Governor who has been disqualified for non-attendance may not be re-appointed as n L.E.A. Governor for 12 months. This appointment is for 4 years from the date of appointment.

Current LEA Governors are:

Mr. Y. Patel and Councillor H. Sarohi. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor

(g) Mossley Primary School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises

because Mrs. P. Frost has resigned. This appointment is from the date of appointment to 31.8.2006, or the introduction of a New Instrument of Government if sooner.

Current LEA Governors are: Mrs. J. Kimber, Mrs. J. Westley and Mr. F. Westley. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor.

(h) Rowley View Nursery School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because Mrs. J. Dowen has resigned.

1/9/03 This appointment is for 4 years from the date of appointment.

> Current LEA Governors are: Mrs. D. Silvester. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor *A letter from the Head Teacher has been received requesting the Panel to consider appointing Ms. A. Clarke to this position.

(i) St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because Mr. M. Fitzpatrick has not attended any meetings of the Governing Body during the relevant period. The Panel is reminded that a Governor who has been disqualified for non-attendance may not be re-appointed as an L.E.A. Governor for 12 months. This appointment is from the date of appointment to 31.8.2006, or the introduction of a New Instrument of Government if sooner.

Current LEA Governors are: None. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor. (j) Lodge Farm J.M.I School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because the term of office of Mr. I. Brindley will cease on 30.9.2004.

This appointment is from 1.10.2004 to 31.8.2006, or the introduction of a New Instrument of Government if sooner.

Current LEA Governors are:

Councillor Mrs. D. Shires and Mr. S. Robinson.

There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor.

*A letter from the Clerk to the Governors has been received requesting the Panel to consider re-appointing Mr. A. Brindley to this position.

Panel members are asked to disregard the request concerning Mr. Robinson. who has now stated that he does not wish to be re-appointed when his term of office ends in November - to be considered at the next meeting scheduled for October.

(k) Palfrey Infant School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because the term of office of Councillor M. Yasin will cease on 14.9.2004.

This appointment is from 15.9.2004 to 31.8.2006, or the introduction of a New Instrument of Government if sooner.

Current LEA Governors are: Mr. M. Hussain and Mr. B. Mavi. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor.

(I) Palfrey Junior School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because the term of office of Mr. C. Beilby will cease on 14.9.2004.

This appointment is from 15.9.2004 to 31.8.2006, or the introduction of a New Instrument of Government if sooner.

Current LEA Governors are:

Mr. K. Kaliroy and Mr. M. Pulford.

There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor.

*A letter from the Head Teacher has been received requesting the Panel to consider re-appointing Mr. Beilby to this position.

(m) Pool Hayes Community School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because the term of office of Mrs. L. Staffiere will cease on 30.9.2004.
1/9/04 This appointment is for 4 years from 1.10.2004.

Current LEA Governors are:

Mr. D. Bennett, Mr. R. Humphrey and Councillor K. Chambers. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor. *A letter from the Clerk to the Governors has been received requesting the Panel to consider re-appointing Mrs. Staffiere to this position.

N 1/1/04 (n) St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Technology College requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because the term of office of Mr. J. Carver will cease on 14.9.2004. This appointment is for 4 years from 15.9.2004.

Current LEA Governors are: Mr. I. Milne. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor. *A letter from the Clerk to the Governors has been received requesting the Panel to consider re-appointing Mr. Carver to this position.

(o) Walsall Wood School requires the appointment of an LEA Governor. This arises because the term of office of Mr. R. Gamble will cease on 30.9.2004. 1/9/03 This appointment is for 4 years from 1.10.2004.

Current LEA Governors are: Mrs. K. McHugh. There is one vacancy for an LEA Governor. *A letter from the Clerk to the Governors has been received requesting the Panel to consider re-appointing Mr. Gamble to this position.

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APPENDIX 1

Miss P. Horton. Governor Support and Development Team,

To: Governing Body Chairs, Clerks and Head Teachers

16th June 2003.

Dear Colleague,

Governors' Periods of Office

We are intending to send a report to governing bodies explaining the new governing body procedures, which come into effect from 1st September 2003. There will also be training available in the new procedures available as part of the Governor Support Service Level Agreement. However we have recently received a number of telephone enquiries regarding Governors' periods of office and are therefore sending this letter containing advice received from DfES.

All Governors elected or appointed **on or before 1st September 2003** serve out their term of office until it ends, or up to 31st August 2006, whichever is the earlier.

The exception to the above is Nursery Schools who are establishing their Governing Bodies for the first time. The periods of office for Nursery School Governors will therefore be from 1st September 2003 for the relevant period stated in the Instrument of Government.

Governors elected or appointed on or after 2nd September 2003 under a New Instrument will serve out their full term of office as stated in the Instrument of Government.

Governors elected or appointed on or after 2nd September 2003 under the Old Instrument of Government will serve until the date of reconstitution, which will be no later than 31st August 2006.

We hope this guidance is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Goddard-Patel, Milkinder Jaspal, Pauline Horton and Anne Lowe Governor Support and Development Team