

Brighton & Hove City Council

For general release

Meeting: Children, Families and Schools Sub-Committee

Date: Monday 6 September 2004

Report of: Director Children, Families and Schools

Subject: School Governance Issues

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report sets out the decisions of the consultative meeting for the appointment of LEA governors which met on 24 June 2004 and reports on governor recruitment and retention

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the decisions made by the Director of Children, Families and Schools in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of this Sub-Committee, as set out in Appendix B be noted.

3. Information/background

- 3.1 The group considered applications for LEA governor vacancies at schools and made the appointments set out in the Appendix B.
- 3.2 The group reported on 2 LEA governors removed by governing bodies for non-attendance, as set out in Appendix C

4. Consultation

- 4.1 All councilors, chairs of governors and headteachers at schools with vacancies were asked to submit nominations. Chairs of governors, headteachers and members of this sub-committee were fully consulted about nominations and invited to submit comments to the consultative meeting.

Appendix A



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<p>Financial implications There are no additional financial implications as the costs of sealing 75 new instruments of Governance are met from the legal budget within the Corporate Services budget. <i>Finance Officer consulted:</i> Paul Brinkhurst Accountant <i>Date:</i> 10 August 2004</p>	
<p>Legal implications Legal requirements relating to the appointment of LEA governors are set out in Schedule 11 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the Education (School Government) (England) Regulations 1999.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Education Strategic Planning Functions Sub-committee on 16 June 1999, it was agreed that all LEA governor appointments would be made by the Director, Children, Families & Schools, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson. Copies of reports were to be sent to all Sub-Committee members and decisions reported back for information</p> <p>Changes to the composition and procedures of governing bodies must be instituted within the Regulations referred to in the main body of the report.</p> <p>The new Instruments of Government required by the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003, have to be sealed by the Council's legal section. <i>Lawyer consulted:</i> Natasha Watson (Senior Lawyer) <i>Date:</i> 3rd August 2004</p>	

<p>Corporate/Citywide implications None.</p>	<p>Risk assessment All prospective governors are required to sign an agreement to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau check if requested. All LEA governor appointments are checked against List 99.</p>
<p>Sustainability implications None.</p>	<p>Equalities implications Applications are encouraged from all sections of the population but specific efforts are being made to encourage applications from members of ethnic minority groups and people with</p>

Appendix A



	disabilities.
Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder None.	
Background papers None.	
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Appendix A



APPENDIX C



LEA governors removed by governing bodies for non attendance	School
Jonathan Lamb	Queens Park
Betty Davis	Carden Primary