

**COUNCIL
4 DECEMBER 2002**

**APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES ON
COMMITTEES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS
(Director of Corporate Services)**

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 A small number of vacancies exist on Committees and other organisations which can now be filled. The vacant committee and SACRE seats are allocated to the Conservative Group and should be filled on their nomination. The Council can appoint to the vacancies on outside bodies at its discretion.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **The Council is requested to confirm any appointments proposed by the Conservative Group in respect of the following vacancies on committees (one seat in each instance) for the remainder of the 2002/03 municipal year:-**

**Select Committee on Lifelong Learning
Education Governor Selection Committee
Employment Committee
Teachers' Joint Consultative Committee**

Substitute Appointments:

**Co-ordination Select Committee
Planning & Highways Committee**

- 2.2 **The Council is requested to consider appointments to the following vacancies on external organisations (one seat in each instance):**

**South Hill Park Trust Board (as a trustee until 2003)
Hanworth Community Association
Bracknell and District Victim Support Scheme**

- 2.3 **That a representative of the LEA be appointed to serve as a member of the LEA Group of SACRE for the remainder of the 2002/03 municipal year.**
- 2.4 **That Councillor Mrs Shillcock be appointed as a member of the 'Schools Group' of the School Organisation Committee, under the membership category of a governor of Kennel Lane Special School, for a three year term of office expiring on 9 September 2005.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Officers are required to report to the Council when vacancies arise on committees and external organisations. The current vacancies are set out in section 2 above and the Council is invited to consider any nominations put forward for these

vacancies. In the case of the committee and SACRE vacancies, these seats have been allocated by the Council to the Conservative Group and appointments should be made in accordance with the wishes of that Group.

SACRE

- 3.2 SACRE is a statutory body established in accordance with Section 11 of the Education Reform Act 1988 (as amended by Section 255 of the Education Act 1993) by the Borough Council acting as LEA. The purpose of SACRE is to set out the framework for religious education (RE) in the Borough's schools. It achieves this in many ways including the preparation of the Locally Agreed Syllabus whilst undertaking the role of the Agreed Syllabus Conference. In addition, SACRE monitors standards in RE; addresses methods of teaching, choice of teaching materials and teacher training; monitors collective worship; and forges links with other associated local and national bodies.
- 3.3 The membership of SACRE falls into five groups, namely, the Church of England, Christian denominations and other religions, associations representing teachers, the LEA and co-opted members. The LEA group consists of five members, which the Council has appointed to reflect its political proportionality (4/1), and a vacancy has arisen amongst the Conservative Members as Councillor Ward has relinquished his membership owing to non-attendance and does not wish to be considered for re-appointment. LEA group members of SACRE may be, but need not be, Members of the LEA. The remaining four LEA representative members are Councillors Fawcett, Mrs Hayes, Kendall and Thompson. Appointments are made on an annual basis at the beginning of each municipal year.

School Organisation Committee

- 3.4 The School Organisation Committee is a statutory decision-making body which brings together the key partners in the provision of education at local level giving each an equal voice and convenes for the purpose of considering the School Organisation Plan and statutory proposals affecting school organisation. It is responsible for approving any plans or proposals for adding or removing school places. The Committee is organised in groups which represent the Local Education Authority (elected members), the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, the local Learning and Skills Council and local school governors. The latter group is known as the 'Schools Group' and is made up of seven members appointed by the Local Education Authority comprising the following governors:-
- Three headteachers (two primary and one secondary)
 - Three governors (not from church schools)
 - A governor from Kennel Lane Special School
- 3.5 There is currently a vacancy in the Schools Group for a governor from Kennel Lane Special School. Nominations for the vacancy have been sought from appropriate governors meeting this criteria, as a result of which Councillor Mrs Shillcock has been nominated.
- 3.6 The appointment is for a three year period and subsequent re-appointment for further terms of office is possible.

Access Implications

- 4.1 None.

Background Papers

None

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