

**COUNCIL
24 SEPTEMBER 2003**

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE: APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER
(Acting Director of Corporate Services – Democratic Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Councillor Thompson has indicated that he no longer wishes to serve on the Bracknell Forest School Organisation Committee, thus creating a vacancy. This report invites the Council to appoint Councillor Mrs Birch to this vacancy. Councillor Mrs Birch has been nominated by the majority group.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Councillor Mrs Birch be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Bracknell Forest School Organisation Committee.**

3. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS

Section 151 Officer

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation.

Borough Solicitor

- 3.2 The Local Education Authority may appoint up to seven of its Members to a School Organisation Committee in accordance with the Education (School Organisation Committee) Regulations 1999.

Access Implications

- 3.3 There are no access implications.

4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Bracknell Forest School Organisation Committee is appointed pursuant to section 24 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. In accordance with regulations made under section 24, the Council appoints five Members to the 'Local Education Authority' group on the Committee. These appointments have reflected the political balance of the Council and currently this means that four of the five places have been allocated to the majority group and the vacancy that has arisen accordingly falls to the majority group for nomination. The majority group has nominated Councillor Mrs Birch.

Background Papers

School Standards & Framework Act 1998, section 24

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