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## **CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee was held on 26 January 2005.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Clark (Chair), Councillors Biswas, J A Jones, Mrs H Pearson and Porley.

**OFFICIALS:** J Bennington, C Davies, R Painter, J Pinning and T Sutcliffe.

**\*\* AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE** was submitted on behalf of Councillor Carr.

**\*\* DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

**\*\* MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee held on 10 January 2005 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **STAFFING - GOVERNOR SUPPORT**

The Assistant Head of Policy and Resources introduced Mrs J Pinning who was attending her first meeting of the Committee since her appointment as Governor Support Officer.

Reference was also made to Mr R Painter's recent promotion to Governor Recruitment, Retention and information Officer and to the appointment of two Governor Support Clerks, namely Colette Hogarth and Ann Webster.

NOTED

### **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES - LEA SCHOOL GOVERNORS - APPOINTMENTS**

The Assistant Head of Policy and Resources submitted a report relating to vacancies for LEA appointed School Governors, which had arisen as a result of resignations; the expiry of terms of office; or the removal of School Governors owing to non-attendance, and any vacancies deferred from the previous meetings of the Committee.

Members were required to consider certain Governors whose terms of office were to expire on 12 February 2005.

It was noted that there were currently 11 vacancies out of a total of 142 Governorships for LEA representatives, which equated to 15.6%.

In view of the forthcoming changes to Governing Body constitutional arrangements whereby the number of LEA Governors on each Governing Body was likely to reduce it was suggested that consideration be given to ensuring that there was adequate LEA representation on all Governing Bodies.

Although in the national context Middlesbrough had a good record in terms of the number of vacancies Members considered ways of encouraging further applications including possible approaches to Teesside University, Middlesbrough College and the South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust. Reference was made to a meeting of the Executive which had been held on 25 January 2005 when as part of the deliberations reference had been made to the need to examine the role of Councillors as school governors.

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**ORDERED** as follows:

1. That the following appointments be approved for a four-year term of office: -

<u>School</u>	<u>Governors</u>
Acklam Whin Primary	Mrs A M Coulton
Brambles Primary	Mrs N Morris
Breckon Hill Primary	Councillor Dryden
Lingfield Primary	Mrs J McArthur (w.e.f.12.2.05)
Park End Primary	Councillor Morby
Whinney Banks Primary	Mrs K Campbell
Beverley	Mrs D Masterman and Mrs K Clegg.

2. That the following be re-appointed for a four-year term of office:

<u>School</u>	<u>Governor</u>
Archibald Primary	Mrs A Kay
Captain Cook Primary	Councillor Davison (w.e.f. 12.2.05)
Pennyman Primary	Mrs L Cronin (w.e.f. 12.2.05)
Rose Wood Primary	Councillor Mrs B Thompson and Mrs C Barrett (w.e.f. 12.2.05)
St. Bernadette's R C Primary Ormesby	Mrs M Kilgallon (w.e.f. 12.2.05) Councillor Brady (w.e.f. 12.2.05).

3. That appointments to the following vacancies be deferred pending the receipt of nominations in respect of:

Breckon Hill Primary  
Kader Primary  
North Ormesby Primary  
St. Gerard's R C Primary (2).

4. That consideration of the appointment to Chandlers Ridge Primary School Governing Body be deferred until April 2005.

5. That the request received to serve another term of office in respect of Kader Primary School Governing Body be not accepted as a result of changes to the eligibility criteria.

6. That in respect of Marton Grove Primary School Governing Body and for a four-year term of office, Councillor Kerr be appointed with immediate effect and Councillor Wilson appointed with effect from 12 February 2005.

7. That it be noted that following the reconstitution of the Viewley Hill Primary School Governing Body the number of LEA Governors would be reduced thus the current vacancy would no longer exist.

8. That further consideration be given to ways of encouraging applications for nominations for appointment as LEA School Governors following the outcome of the examination referred to at the meeting of the Executive held on 25 January 2005.