

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE SCHOOL ADMISSION/ EXCLUSION INDEPENDENT APPEALS PANEL

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the approval of the Council to the appointment of further panellists' to hear school admission and exclusion appeals.

2. Recommendation

The Council is requested to resolve that Ann Smith and Preeti Walhekar be appointed to the Independent Appeals Panel to hear appeals from parents in respect of school exclusions and admissions.

3. Legal, Financial and Other Implications

None arising from this administrative report. The recommendation in this report meets the legal requirements of Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals and the Regulations governing school exclusion appeals in respect of the independence of panel members.

4. Supporting Information

4.1 The Council at its Annual Meeting on 20th May, 2009 approved the appointment of a number of individuals to serve on the independent appeal panels hearing school admission and exclusion appeals in respect of community school in the borough. Further nominations have been received from individuals to serve on the panels. Ann Smith and Preeti Walhekar have useful, relevant experience of working in education admission appeals (not for this authority).

4.2 The Council is asked to approve the appointments.

5. Background Papers

None.