

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council

**DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013

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**WARD(S):** All

### **PART I** **FOR DECISION**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE SLOUGH INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEALS AND EXCLUSIONS PANEL**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

To seek the approval of the Council to the appointment of an additional Member, to the Slough Independent School Appeals and Exclusions Panel.

##### **2. Recommendation**

The Council is requested to resolve that Mrs Collyer George be appointed to the Independent Appeals and Exclusions Panel as a Lay Member.

##### **3. Legal, Financial and Other Implications**

None arising from this administrative report. The recommendation set out meets the legal requirements of Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals and the Regulations governing the independence of Panel members.

##### **4. Supporting Information**

- 4.1 The Admission Authority and the Appeal Panel must act in accordance with the School Admissions (Appeal Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, and the School Admissions and Appeals Codes. The Appeals Panels hears and determines appeals from parents who have not been allocated a place at their preferred school.
- 4.2 Appeal Panels perform a judicial function and must be transparent, accessible, independent and impartial, and operate according to principles of natural justice.
- 4.3 Panel Members serve on a voluntary basis and are not paid for their services other than a reimbursement for any mileage/ travel necessarily incurred in travelling to Appeal hearings or training sessions.
- 4.3 The Independent Appeals Panel of Slough Borough Council hears and determines appeals for a number of community schools and Academies who have bought in to the service. A Panel of three members is selected from a pool of Members and each Panel must have at least one lay member and one education representative.
- 4.4 An application has been received from Mrs Collyer George to serve on the Slough Independent School Admission Appeals and Exclusions Panel. Mrs George meets the necessary requirements to serve as a Lay Panel Member and will attend the

necessary training prior to participating in a School Admission/ Exclusion Appeal hearing.

4.5 The Council is asked to approve the appointment.

**5. Background Papers**

Appeal Panel Member Application Form- contact Democratic Services for information.

School Admissions (Appeal Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012.

School Admissions and Appeal Codes (Feb 2012)