

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SLOUGH INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEALS AND EXCLUSIONS PANEL

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

The Council is requested to resolve:

- (a) That Mrs Jill Lloyd be appointed to the Independent Appeals and Exclusions Panel as an Education Member.
- (b) That Mrs Louise Parminter 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 recommendations meet the legal requirements of the 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 quasi-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 to hear

admission appeals and the Panel must have at least one lay Member and one education Member present.

- 4.4 An application has been received from Mrs Jill Lloyd to serve on the Panel. Mrs Lloyd meets the necessary requirements to serve as an Education Panel Member. An application has also been received from Mrs Parminter, who meets the requirements to serve as a Lay Member. Both individuals have some prior experience of school appeals 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 appointments.

5. Background Papers

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

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

School Admissions and Appeal Codes (Feb 2012)