

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE SCHOOL INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEALS AND EXCLUSIONS PANEL

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

The Council is requested to resolve that Mr Sanjeev Sharma 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 reimbursement for any mileage/ travel necessarily incurred in travelling to Appeal hearings or training sessions.
- 4.4 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 member.
- 4.5 An application has been received from Mr Sanjeev Sharma to serve on the Slough Independent School Admission Appeals and Exclusions Panel. This individual meets the necessary requirements to serve as a Lay Panel Member and will receive

the required training to fulfil his role in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

4.6 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)