

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

1. **Purpose of Report**

To appoint to vacancies on the Slough Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), and approve amendments to the membership of the Slough Wellbeing Board.

2. **Recommendations**

The Council is requested to resolve:

- (a) That Mr Waqar Bhatti be appointed to fill a vacancy on the SACRE as a Committee 1- Islamic Representative for a term of 3 years.
- (b) That a Labour Councillor be appointed to the vacancy on Slough SACRE as a Committee 4 Representative for the term of 3 years.
- (c) That an 'Acute Sector representative' and 'Two Business representatives' be appointed to the Slough Wellbeing Board.

3. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities and Other implications**

- 3.1 Legal Implications – Part 3.8 of the Constitution provides that the SACRE shall be appointed by the Council.
- 3.2 The core membership of the Slough Wellbeing Board is determined by section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Board is able to make further appointments to reflect the importance of the wider determinants of health in its locality.
- 3.3 There are no other wellbeing strategy, workforce, financial or other implications arising from this administrative report.

4. **Supporting Information**

4.1 **Appointments to the SACRE**

- 4.1.1 The SACRE comprises 4 separate Committees to which members are appointed for a 3 year term. Mr Waqar Bhatti submitted a request to become an Islamic representative of the SACRE and attended two meetings as an Observer, when he addressed the meeting and expressed an interest in the work of the Committee. The SACRE agreed that the nomination of Mr Bhatti should be endorsed and submitted to Council.

4.1.2 At its meeting on 5th June, 2014, Council received a nomination for Councillor P K Mann (Commissioner for Education and Children) to be appointed to the SACRE as a Local Authority representative (Committee 4). The Constitution stipulates that a Cabinet Member is unable to be a Member of SACRE and this leaves a Labour Group vacancy. The Labour Group nomination will be advised at the meeting

4.2 Appointment to the Slough Wellbeing Board

4.2.1 The Slough Wellbeing Board was established in April 2013 to carry out the statutory functions of Health and Wellbeing Boards under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Council approved the governance arrangements and membership of the Board in January 2013 and makes appointments at the Annual meeting of Council. Membership includes core members as defined in the relevant legislation and 'representatives' of other partners where it is considered appropriate to help to Board meet its objectives. All voting members are bound by the same Code of Conduct as elected Members of the Council.

4.2.2 A development workshop took place on 30th June 2014 to review the performance of the Slough Wellbeing Board and agree areas for development to further increase the effectiveness of the Board. This workshop was well attended by SWB members and facilitated by Richard Humphries from the Kings Fund (a nationally recognised health and health and wellbeing board think tank organisation). A series of recommendations were agreed at this workshop, one of these being to invite an Acute Sector representative to join the SWB in order to better represent the spread of health services across Slough. The Board also proposes to expand its membership to 'two business representatives' to further strengthen partnership working with the private sector.

5. Background Papers -

None.