

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council

**DATE:** 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

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**WARD(S):** All

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

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO INDEPENDENT APPEALS PANEL / OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

To seek the approval of the Council to the appointment of five additional Members to the Slough Independent School Appeals and Exclusions Panel and a Member appointment to the Slough Children's Services Trust Board.

##### **2. Recommendations**

The Council is requested to resolve:

(a) That the following Members be appointed to the Independent Appeals and Exclusions Panel:

- Doreen Toomey (Education Member)
- Sarah Macadam (Lay Member)
- Sanzla Bhagi (Education Member)
- Sarah New (Lay Member)
- Darminder Kaur Mundi (Lay Member)

(b) That a Member be appointed to the Slough Children's Services Trust Board.

##### **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**

###### **Independent School Appeals and Exclusions Panel**

- 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 Following a recruitment process, applications have been received from several individuals to serve on the Slough Independent School Admission Appeals and Exclusions Panel. These individuals meet the necessary requirements to serve as Lay or Education Members. Ms Toomey is an experienced Member and serves as a Panellist for a neighbouring Authority. The other nominees will receive the required training and observe hearings before sitting as Panel Members.
- 4.5 The Council is asked to approve the appointments.

Appointment to the Slough Children's Services Trust Board

***Recommendation To Follow***

**5. Background Papers**

Appeal Panel Member Applications  
School Admissions (Appeal Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012.  
School Admissions Appeal Code (Feb 2012)  
School Admissions Code 2014