

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education and Children's Services
Scrutiny Panel

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES **SCRUTINY PANEL 2015 – 16**

1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the membership of the Education and Children's Services (ECS) Scrutiny Panel.

2 Recommendation

That Members give consideration to Councillor Bal's continued membership on the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel.

3 The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan

There are no implications for the priorities of the Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA or the Five Year Plan as this report is administrative in nature.

4 Other Implications

The recommendations meet the requirements of political proportionality as set out in Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated Regulations. There are no other implications arising from this report.

5. Supporting Information

5.1 The Council meeting held on 19th May 2015 agreed to a new policy regarding non attendance. This meant that, in an instance where a Member missed three consecutive meetings of the same Committee or Panel, the Member will have their membership revoked unless the Panel consider that there are exceptional circumstances that need to be taken into account.

5.2 Councillor Bal was appointed as Chair of the ECS Scrutiny Panel for the Municipal Year 2015/16. Councillor Bal has given apologies for non-attendance at the following Panel meetings:

- 21st October 2015
- 3rd December 2015

- 12th January 2016 (Joint meeting with Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

- 5.3 Democratic Services received a letter from Councillor Bal dated 19th January 2016 tendering his resignation as Chair of the ECS Panel with immediate effect. Councillor Bal has advised that he had been called away to India due to a family emergency but wishes to remain as a Scrutiny Panel Member for the remainder of the municipal year.
- 5.4 Members of the Panel are asked to give consideration to Councillor Bal's continued membership of the Panel. The Panel has discretion to waive the revocation of this membership, should they consider that there are extenuating circumstances that need to be taken into account.
- 5.5 Should the Panel decide that Cllr Bal's membership of the Panel be revoked, the vacancy would be filled via a nomination by the Labour Group.

6. **Appendices**

None.

7. **Background Papers**

Slough Borough Council Constitution 2015, Part 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.