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SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To complete the appointments to the Schools' Group on the School Organisation Committee.

2. Summary

- 2.1 At its meeting on 15 June 1999, the Committee received a report on the School Organisation Committee and School Organisation Planning, and three appointments were made to the Schools' Group of the Committee. This report deals with the nomination of a further secondary school representative and nominations which have now been received from the primary sector.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee is recommended to:
- (a) appoint a secondary school headteacher; and
 - (b) appoint three representatives of primary school governors to the Schools' Group of the School Organisation Committee.

4. **Background**

- 4.1 The Committee will be aware that the School Organisation Committee is made up of a number of separate groups, each of which has one vote on the Committee itself.
- 4.2 The Schools' Group can consist of up to seven members and these must be Governors of maintained schools, including headteacher governors, but excluding elected LEA Members.
- 4.3 At the last meeting, Mr J Moore (White Spire School) was appointed as a representative of special schools, Mr W Butler (Denbigh School) as a representative of foundation secondary schools and Ms M Moffat (Walton High) as a representative of community secondary schools.
- 4.4 No appointments could be made in relation to the primary sector as no nominations had been received. Since that meeting a further letter has been sent to all primary headteachers and Chairs of Governors, again requesting nominations, with a return date of 9 July 1999.
- 4.5 A preliminary, informal meeting of the School Organisation Committee has been arranged for 21 July 1999, for initial briefing. A further opportunity will be arranged for new members.

5. **Issues and Choices**

- 5.1 At the last meeting the advice of the Director of Education and Early Years Services was that only two appointments should be made to represent the secondary sector, in order to maintain an appropriate balance between community and foundation schools. There had, however, been three nominations made and one of these, Mr Stephen Pam, headteacher of Leon School, was not appointed.
- 5.2 It is now clear that Mr Pam's nomination was supported by the whole Secondary Headteachers' Group. Given that this includes both foundation and community schools, his appointment to the group would not disturb the balance between the two types of school. The appointment would ensure that professional input from a headteacher on secondary planning issues could be given to the Schools' Group and would show the Council's support for such input from the Secondary Headteachers' Group. Both are very important considerations.
- 5.3 With regard to the primary sector, in response to the further letter inviting nominations, three names have now been put forward. These are listed on the attached **Annex**. It would seem appropriate that all three remaining places are filled from the primary sector. Two of the nominations are headteachers, ensuring professional input similar to that recommended above for the secondary sector.

6. **Implications**

6.1 Environmental

None.

6.2 Equalities

As far as possible, it is important to ensure that the range of types of school and interests are represented on the different groups constituting the School Organisation Committee and that appropriate advice and support is available to those groups. There should also be a balance of types of Governor, though this depends very much on the nominations received.

6.3 Financial

None.

6.4 Legal

The Council is required to establish and support the operation of the School Organisation Committee and its constituent groups.

6.5 Staff and Accommodation

None.

7. **Conclusions**

7.1 The appointments to the Schools' Group suggested in this report will complete the nominations to that Group on the School Organisation Committee.

Background Papers: Letters to headteachers inviting nominations to the Committee.

DfEE Guidance on School Organisation Committees and School Organisation Planning.