

By: Mr A J King, Deputy Leader

To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 23 March 2010

Subject: Appointment of Parent Governor Representative

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: Members are invited to appoint one Parent Governor Representative.

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## **Introduction**

1. (1) In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the County Council is required to appoint Parent Governor Representatives to serve on the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (when education matters are discussed) and on the Children, Families and Education Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

(2) In accordance with the Constitution (Appendix 2 Part 2), two Parent Governor Representatives in total are appointed for a four year term to serve on the Cabinet Scrutiny and the three Children, Families and Education Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

(3) In the summer of 2009, two such representatives were appointed to these committees, but one seat has since become vacant and needs to be filled for the remainder of the present term of office which finishes at the end of April 2013.

(4) Nominations for Parent Governor Representatives were sought once again from all Parent Governors in the Kent LEA area. Only one nomination was forthcoming by the stated closing date, so no election was needed on this occasion.

## **Parent Governor Representative**

2. The only Parent Governor Representative nomination received was from Mr Brian Critchley of Ashford. The statement which Mr Critchley submitted with his nomination form is as follows:-

I am a lecturer at the London Metropolitan University Business School, lecturing in employment studies and corporate governance. In terms of what I can bring to the role, I have a good understanding of governance issues and particularly the role and responsibilities of representing the interests of particular stakeholders, such as parent governors, within decision-making bodies. As well as the practical experience of having been a parent governor, I am chair of the curriculum committee and volunteer within the school one afternoon a week.

## **Recommendation**

3. The Committee is asked to appoint Mr Critchley to serve as a Parent Governor Representative on the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (when it considers education matters) and on the Children, Families and Education Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the present term of office which finishes at the end of April 2013.

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*Background documents: Nil*