

# **CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

21<sup>st</sup> July 2006

## **Present:**

Councillor Pam Hargreaves (Children's Services Portfolio Holder)

Officers: John Collings, Assistant Director (Performance)  
Ann Turner, Governor Support Officer  
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

## **8. Appointment of Local Authority Representatives to serve on School Governing Bodies** - *Director of Children's Services*

### **Type of decision**

Non-Key

### **Purpose of report**

To approve the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in respect of the appointment of Local Authority representative Governors to serve on school governing bodies where vacancies currently and will exist in August 2006 following the expiry of terms of office of a number of Local Authority Governors.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

Applications were invited from members of the general public, elected members and those governors whose term of office was about to expire who were interested in serving or wish to continue serving as a Local Authority representative governor on school governing bodies.

The criteria for the recruitment of Local Education Authority representatives were agreed by the Borough Council in 2000 and this was detailed in the report. Attached by way of appendix was a schedule setting out details of vacancies together with applications received in respect of the vacancies considered by members of the General Purposes Sub-Committee at their meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in respect of the appointment of Local Authority representative governors to serve on school Governing bodies.

## **9. Engagement of a Training Provider for the Newly Qualified Teacher Programme - Director of Children's Services**

### **Type of decision**

Non-Key

### **Purpose of report**

To seek approval to engage a single training provider to provide the necessary training for Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) in primary, secondary and special schools and to carry out lesson observations of NQTs in secondary schools.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

To ensure the successful completion of their statutory Induction year NQTs required relevant, up-to-date and quality training, covering a number of key areas. Due to the retirement of the provider currently engaged in carrying out NQT lesson observations in secondary schools it would be necessary to engage a new provider to take over this responsibility.

Celsian:education had provided all NQT training in Hartlepool since 2001 and all evaluations and feedback had been extremely complimentary and positive. Following the retirement of the current provider it was recommended that they be offered the opportunity to become the provider of lesson observations in secondary schools. Details of the financial implications were included within the report.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the engagement of the training provider Celsian:education to provide all training for NQTs and carry out NQT lesson observations in secondary schools.

## **10. Local Government Access to Information**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 11 – Children's Homes Regulation 33/34 Reports – Director of Children's Services (para 1 – this item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 namely information relating to any individual).

**11. Children's Homes: Regulation 33/34 Reports** – *Director of Children's Services*

**Type of decision**

Non-Key

**Purpose of report**

To present the Regulation 33/34 (formerly Regulation 22) report of a visit to Exmoor Grove Children's Home.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Portfolio Holder received the Regulation 33/34 report of visit(s) to Children's Home(s) covering the month of March 2006. Appended to the report was a pro-forma in respect of a visit to Exmoor Grove Children's Home covering issues for the month of March 2006.

**Decision**

The Portfolio Holder received and noted the report and appendix.

**J A BROWN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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