

	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive 13th November 2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Director of Children and Families</p>
<p>For Action Wards Affected: ALL</p>	
<p>Adjustments In Allocation Of Local Authority (LA) Governor Seats</p>	

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Every school governing body has a number of Local Authority (LA) governors appointed to it. LA governors are appointed by the Director of Children and Families, following an appointment process agreed by Council.
- 1.2 LA governor seats are allocated to the three Party groups for the purposes of making nominations. The allocation of seats to the Party groups overall should reflect the balance of the Council. Following the May 2006 election this has changed, and this report recommends a new allocation to the Executive. The table below is a summary of the proposed changes.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The executive is recommended to agree the amendment to the allocation basis as set out in section 3.2.
- 2.2 The executive is recommended to approve the allocations of LA governor seats as set out in Appendix 1
- 2.3 The executive is recommended to agree the transitional provisions as set out in section 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of this report.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Every school governing body has a number of Local Authority (LA) governors appointed to it. The number varies from school to school but is decided by the governing body (within statutory limits) and set out in the school's Instrument of Government. Brent operates a dual process for the recruitment and appointment of LA governors which has proved beneficial in significantly reducing vacancies. Each seat is allocated to one of the local Party groups, for them to make a nomination when their seat becomes vacant. If the Party group is unable to identify a nominee for two months from when they are informed of the vacancy by the Governor Support office in Children and Families, the Governor Support office may make a nomination from volunteers who have expressed an interest in serving as governors. LA governors are appointed by the Director of Children and Families, following an appointment process agreed by Council.
- 3.2 Brent policy has that the allocation of LA governor seats to the Party groups overall reflects the balance of Members elected to the Council. It is proposed to amend this so that the balance reflects the proportions of the votes cast for each of the three parties, not the number of members elected.
- 3.3 Table one sets out the overall present and revised totals of LA governors according to party. This takes into account the election results in May 2006. There have also been some changes in LA governor numbers over the last three years as a result of governing bodies reconstituting as required by the 2002 education act. This process is now complete. These numbers are the total allocations, including vacancies.

Table 1 - Overall LA Governor Numbers And Allocations

	Current No. of governors	Current % (2002 Members)	Revised No. of governors	Revised % (2006 Votes)	Change in No. of governors
Lib Dem	30	15%	61	30.5%	+31
Conservative	59	30%	62	31.0%	+3
Labour	111	55%	77	38.6%	-34
TOTAL	200	100%	200	100%	200

- 3.4 The total number of LA governor seats allocated to the parties is 200. This is unaffected by the local election result, and the total number of LA governors in each school is not changing. The distribution of the 200 between the parties is what changes. Appendix 1 shows the current and proposed allocation of seats to each school.
- 3.5 **Transitional Provisions**
It is proposed that the changes in allocations come into effect gradually, as each sitting LA governor either resigns or his/her term of office expires. This will minimise unnecessary disruption for governing bodies and schools, and will help the party offices and the LA manage recruitment issues more effectively over a period of time.

3.6 It is further proposed that each party office is given the flexibility to express a preference to retain a small number of specific seats where there are particularly strong reasons for doing so, providing that the overall numbers are kept as required. This would entail minor changes to the allocations. The Governor Support office will seek to accommodate such requests where possible.

3.7 Where, upon the expiration of an LA governor's term of office, the seat concerned has been earmarked for allocation to a different party, the party to whom the seat will belong will be asked to provide a nominee. If the party is unable to do so within two months, the previous appointee may be reappointed for a further term if he/she, his/her party group and the LA so wish. The new party designation for the seat will however remain. The Governor Support office will alert each party to forthcoming ends of terms of office at least three months in advance.

4.0 Financial Implications

NONE

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The School Governance (Constitution)(England) Regulations 2003 set out the provisions regarding the appointment of the various types of maintained school governors including parent governors, staff governors, foundation governors, community governors and LA governors. By regulation 6 an LA governor is a person who is appointed as a governor by the LA. The regulations also set out such matters as the composition of governing bodies and the manner of removal of governors. Regulation 23 states that an LA governor may be removed from office by the person or body which appointed him or her.

5.2 In Brent the authority to appoint and remove LA governors has been delegated to the director of the children and families department.

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 The ethnic background of LA governors is monitored and recorded. Voluntary aided (VA) schools, which have a religious ethos and foundation, sometimes prefer people who share their faith background, and such preferences are taken into account where possible.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 Although the system for LA governors is not changing, these reallocations could involve the Governor Support office in additional workload if any Party office is unable to locate suitable nominees. This is most likely to happen where there is an increase in allocation.

Background Papers

- i) Allocation of LEA Governor Seats, 15 July 2002: WP No 0002R, file

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Current And Proposed LA Governor Allocations By School

School	Current			Proposed		
	LD	Con	Lab	LD	Con	Lab
Alperton Community School	1	0	0	1	0	0
Anson Primary School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Barham Primary School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Braintcroft Primary School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Brent Education Tutorial Service (BETS)	0	1	1	0	1	1
Brentfield Primary School	1	1	2	1	1	2
Byron Court Primary School	1	1	2	1	1	2
Carlton Nursery Centre	0	1	2	0	1	2
Carlton Vale Infant School	0	0	3	1	1	1
Chalkhill Primary School	1	1	2	1	1	2
Christ Church (Brondesbury) CE Primary School	0	1	1	1	0	1
Church Lane Pupil Referral Unit	1	1	1	1	1	1
Claremont High School	0	0	1	0	1	0
College Green Nursery School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Convent of Jesus and Mary Catholic Infants School	0	0	1	0	1	0
Convent Language College/Cardinal Hinsley Federation	0	0	1	0	1	0
Copland, A Specialist Science Community College	1	0	1	1	0	1
Curzon Crescent Children's Centre	1	1	1	1	1	1
Donnington Primary School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Elsley Primary School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Fawood Children's Centre	0	1	2	0	1	2
Fryent Primary School	1	0	2	1	1	1
Furness Primary School	1	0	2	1	1	1
Gladstone Park Primary School	1	0	2	1	1	1
Gordon Brown & Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre	1	1	3	1	1	3
Grove Park School	0	1	1	0	1	1
Harlesden Primary School	0	1	2	0	1	2
Hay Lane School	0	1	2	0	1	2
Islamia Primary School	0	1	0	1	0	0
JFS	0	1	0	0	1	0
John Keble C of E Primary School	0	0	1	1	0	0
John Kelly Boys' Technology College	0	0	1	0	0	1
John Kelly Girls' Technology College	0	1	1	1	0	1
Kensal Rise Primary School	1	0	2	1	1	1
Kilburn Park School Foundation	0	0	2	0	0	2
Kingsbury Green Primary School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kingsbury High School	0	1	1	1	1	0
Leopold Primary School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lyon Park Infants' School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lyon Park Junior School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Malorees Infant School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Malorees Junior School	0	1	1	1	0	1
Manor School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mitchell Brook Primary School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Mora Primary School	1	0	2	1	1	1
Mount Stewart Infant School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Mount Stewart Junior School	1	1	1	1	1	1

Newfield Primary School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Northview Primary School	0	1	2	1	1	1
NW London Jewish Day School	0	1	1	0	1	1
Oakington Manor Primary School	0	1	1	1	1	0
Oliver Goldsmith School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Infant & Nursery School	0	0	1	1	0	0
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Junior School	0	1	0	1	0	0
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School	0	1	0	1	0	0
Park Lane Primary School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Preston Manor High School	0	1	1	0	1	1
Preston Park Primary School	1	0	2	1	1	1
Princess Frederica C of E Primary School	0	1	1	1	1	0
Queens Park Community School	0	1	1	1	0	1
Roe Green Infant School	1	1	1	1	1	1
Roe Green Junior School	0	1	2	1	1	1
Salisbury Primary School	1	0	2	1	1	1
St Andrew & St Francis C of E Primary School	0	0	1	0	0	1
St Gregory's Catholic Science College	0	1	0	0	1	0
St Joseph Catholic Infant School	0	0	1	1	0	0
St Joseph's Catholic Junior School	0	0	1	1	0	0
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Willesden	0	0	1	0	0	1
St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School	0	0	1	1	0	0
St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School	0	1	0	1	0	0
St Mary's C of E Primary School	0	1	0	1	0	0
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Kilburn	0	0	1	1	0	0
St Robert Southwell Catholic Primary School	0	0	1	1	0	0
Stag Lane Pupil Referral Unit	1	1	1	1	1	1
Stonebridge Primary School	0	1	1	0	1	1
Sudbury Primary School	1	1	1	1	1	1
The Avenue School	0	0	1	0	0	1
The Michael Sobell Sinai School	0	1	1	0	1	1
Torah Temimah Primary School	0	0	1	0	0	1
Uxendon Manor Primary School	0	1	2	0	2	1
Vernon House School	0	1	1	0	1	1
Wembley High Technology College	1	1	2	1	1	2
Wembley Primary School	1	1	2	1	1	2
Woodfield School (Secondary Special)	0	1	2	0	1	2
Wykeham Primary School	0	1	2	1	1	1
TOTALS	30	59	111	61	62	77
Party numbers	LD	Con	Lab	LD	Con	Lab

Notes.

No sitting councillor will lose his/her seat as a result of this reallocation.
The changes affect approximately one half of schools.