1. PURPOSE OF REPORT
1.1 This report outlines current Authority Governor Vacancies within maintained schools in the Township area and requests that Township Committee makes the appropriate appointments or nominations for appointments by the Governing Body as indicated within the attached appendices.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS
2.1 That Township Committee appoints or nominates for appointment by the Governing Body, Authority Governors to serve on the School Governing Bodies with current and forthcoming vacancies (as outlined in the attached appendices).

MAIN TEXT INCLUDING ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED/ CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

3.1 Members are asked to consider the School Governing Body vacancies highlighted within this report and in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation and Regulations either make appointment or nominate appointees.

3.2 The ‘Scheme of Delegation to Township Committees’ section R (School Governing Body Vacancies) delegates the function of appointing nominees to School Governing Body vacancies or nominating to the Governing Body for appointment in accordance with the agreed formula to the appropriate Township Committee.
3.3  The agreed formula was revised by Members following a decision of Council on 14 July 2000 which stated that ‘new reports dealing with Authority Governor vacancies will contain no reference to which political group should make the nomination to fill the vacancy and no reference to which political group made previous nominations’. Members agreed that Governors will be chosen on the basis of the contribution, which they can bring to the school in terms of skills and experience.

3.4  The School Governance (Constitution) Regulations have the effect of disqualifying Governors who have been removed for non-attendance from re-appointment as a Governor at the same school during the 12 months immediately following the disqualification.

3.5  Members are asked to consider the nominations received from schools (as listed in the Appendices) where schools have been able to offer a nomination.

3.6  Details of Authority vacancies where members are able to fill by appointment are attached at Appendix A.

Alternatives considered
3.8  There are no alternative methods of filling Authority Governor Vacancies within the current Township and Officer schemes of delegation and legislative provision.

4.  FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
4.1  There are no financial implications for members to consider arising from this report.

5.  LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
5.1  There are no legal implications for members to consider arising from this report other than the School Governance (Constitution) Regulations 2007 and 2012.

6.  PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS
6.1  There are no specific personnel implications for members to consider arising from this report.

7.  CORPORATE PRIORITIES
This report contributes to and supports the Local Authority’s role in school improvement through the development of effective governing bodies to promote high standards in all schools.

8.  RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS
8.1  There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

9.  EQUALITIES IMPACTS
9.1  Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment
There are no workforce equality issues arising from this report.
9.2 **Equality/Community Impact Assessments**

There are no significant equality/community issues arising from this report. The Council however are committed to a policy of equal opportunities and in making their recommendations, the Committee are asked to recognise that there is an under representation of disadvantaged groups on governing bodies. Black and minority ethnic groups are under-represented on governing bodies particularly in the Rochdale Township. Similarly disabled persons are generally under-represented on governing bodies.

There are no background papers
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