



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT

11 September 2012

Subject Heading:	MEMBER CHAMPION FOR THE NEW DIPLOMA – proposed abolition of appointment
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Policy context:	The Council appoints several Member Champions, including one for “the new Diploma scheme”. That particular appointment is no longer needed.
Financial summary:	No financial implications arise from this report.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been carried out?	No equalities implications arise from this report.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Ensuring a clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Championing education and learning for all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing economic, social and cultural activity in thriving towns and villages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valuing and enhancing the lives of our residents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivering high customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REPORT DETAIL

In 2008, the Council accepted a recommendation of the Children’s Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) (endorsed by the Cabinet) that a Member Champion be appointed for the New Diploma Scheme. The OSC had made its recommendation following scrutiny of the then newly-introduced Scheme.

The Scheme no longer has the importance that was attached to it at the time and other approaches to 16 plus examination arrangements are under consideration by the Government.

In the circumstances, the appointment of a Member Champion for the Scheme is no longer considered to be necessary and it is, therefore, recommended that it be abolished.

Since its inception, the appointment has been held by the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (who is also statutory Lead Member for Children's Services). Abolition of the Champion appointment has no effect on those other appointments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be **RECOMMENDED to the Council** that the appointment of Member Champion for the new Diploma Scheme be abolished.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There are no implications or risks.

Legal implications and risks:

There are no implications or risks.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no implications or risks.

Equalities implications and risks:

There are no implications or risks.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers.