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1. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

LEAD COUNCILLOR:	COUNCILLOR PEARCE		
DATE:	13 January 2021		
TITLE:	APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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2. DECISION

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3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 As the Local Authority the Council has a duty to nominate governors for appointment to school Governing Boards in Reading.

4. THE PROPOSAL

That the following be nominated as an LA governor

Gail Gibson at Christ The King Primary

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 Equal Opportunities - To meet the needs of the diverse community in Reading, governors are recruited from within the local black and minority ethnic groups during each recruitment campaign.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

N/A

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Schedule 9, paragraph 3, provides for the appointment of LA governors to school governing boards within the Reading Borough Council boundary.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Governing Boards may decide to pay governors' expenses from the individual school budget.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Information regarding the applicant.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:

Information regarding the applicants:
For appointment at Christ The King Primary, Whitley Ward

Name: Gail Gibson

The applicant's relevant experience and skills are as follows:

"Through my role as a housing officer, I understand some of the difficulties of diverse communities and the impact on families and children. In my role as a teacher, I saw how inequalities directly affected individual children. I have knowledge of the Early Years and Primary curriculum and have used data to track progress and attainment. I understand the importance of pedagogy and child development in the process of learning. I believe I have good communication skills and am a good team member. In both of my previous roles, I have used mediation skills to resolve conflict."

Supporting statement by the applicant:

"As a primary teacher I taught in Foundation, KS1 and KS2 so I have knowledge of the Early Years and Primary curriculum. I was also science co-ordinator for 5 years."

Application endorsed by: Vicky Hummell, Chair of Governors.

"I support this nomination because I believe that Gail has a good educational background and is passionate about education. She is very much a team player, who will listen to the opinions of others whilst being able to communicate clearly her own ideas. She is a thoughtful and discrete person who would put the best interests of the children, parents and staff at the heart of her service as a governor."