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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

LEAD COUNCILLOR:	COUNCILLOR PEARCE - LEAD COUNCILLOR FOR EDUCATION		
DATE:	20 APRIL 2021		
TITLE:	APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS		
SERVICE:	SCHOOL STANDARDS	WARDS:	CAVERSHAM
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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:

Elizabeth McCrum at Thameside 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:

For appointment at Thameside Primary, Caversham.

Elizabeth is Pro-Vice- Chancellor Education and Student Experience, Professor of Education at Reading University. She is already an experienced Governor and is Chair at Thameside, as a Co-Opted Governor. This application is to move her category to LA Governor.

Elizabeth McCrum:

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

She has a professional background in education which gives her a good contextual background knowledge to the role. As a university leader she has developed the following skills: working with others to ensure strategic thinking and decision making, long term planning- including financial; distributed leadership; and effective planning for, and chairing of, meetings.

Elizabeth has been on the Governing Body of Thameside Primary School since 2015. She has been Curriculum Governor. She is a member of the Finance and Staffing Committee and is currently in her second year as Chair of Governors. In her time on the governing body she has undertaken the recruitment of a Head Teacher and led the Governors through an Ofsted inspection.

Supporting statement by the applicant:

I have been a school governor for 12 years. I find this to be a way in which I can make an active and positive contribution to my local community in a way which utilises my knowledge and experiences- and so play to my strengths. I have been committed to my professional development as a governor. Undertaking ongoing training and

development activities include BFfC Directors Briefings and training events and RGA meetings.

I have experience from my professional life that is useful in the role of Governor. I have worked with children, teachers and schools in a 20 year career in education as: a teacher and manager in secondary schools; a teacher trainer and course leader in Universities; and now as part of the leadership team of the University of Reading where I work as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and the Student Experience and a Professor of Education.

Application endorsed by: Dr Carol Fuller, colleague at the University of Reading.

“I support this nomination because there can be no better advocate for education than Professor Elizabeth McCrum. As one of our most senior leaders at the University of Reading, Elizabeth is a clear example of someone who believes in the power of education to transform lives. She is someone who leads by example when ensuring the right of every person to have a standard of education that enables them to achieve their full potential - in terms of access, quality, and content. She is an advocate not just for students however, but for those that teach them - providing support, direction and mentoring to the very many who seek it. As a member of the Institute of Education, Elizabeth has always had a strong connection to schools alongside a commitment to children. In short, it is my view that Elizabeth would make a clear and lasting impact to any school which was fortunate enough to have her on their governing body and I therefore most heartily endorse her application.”