

**To: Council of Governors**  
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**Date: 9 September 2021**  
**Subject: Council of Governor Elections 2021**

## 1. Purpose of the Report

To provide the Council with information about the Council of Governors elections for 2021.

## 2. Background

There will be 14 public or staff governor vacancies in eight constituencies at 31 October 2021:

1. Bedford: 1 vacancy (Felicity Stocker)
2. Central Bedfordshire 1 vacancy (Larry Smith)
3. Hackney: 2 vacancies (Caroline Diehl, Beverley Morris)
4. Luton: 1 vacancy (Keith Williams)
5. Newham 3 vacancies (Shirley Biro, Carol Ann Leatherby, Ernell Watson)
6. Staff: 2 vacancies (Victoria Aidoo-Annan, Katherine Corbett)
7. Tower Hamlets 3 vacancies (Roshan Ansari, two vacancies currently unfilled)
8. Rest of England 1 vacancy (Laura Jane Connolly)

Seven of the governors whose terms end at 31 October 2021 have decided to stand for re-election. The following Governors have completed three terms and are therefore not eligible for re-election: Katherine Corbett, Carol Ann Leatherby and Ernell Watson. Two vacancies are currently unfilled and two Governors have decided not to stand for re-election (Laura Jane Connolly, Keith Williams).

## 3. Participation

For only the second time since 2011 there will be contested elections in all constituencies with vacancies. The number of vacancies vs candidates in each constituency is as follows:

1. Bedford: one vacancy, two candidates
2. Central Bedfordshire one vacancy, two candidates
3. Hackney: two vacancies, six candidates
4. Luton: one vacancy, three candidates
5. Newham three vacancies, eight candidates
6. Staff: two vacancies, ten candidates
7. Tower Hamlets three vacancies, ten candidates
8. Rest of England one vacancy, four candidates

## 4. Timetable

<b>ELECTION STAGE</b>	
Notice of Election / nomination open	Wednesday, 21 Jul 2021
Nominations deadline	Wednesday, 18 Aug 2021
Summary of valid nominated candidates published	Thursday, 19 Aug 2021
Final date for candidate withdrawal	Monday, 23 Aug 2021

Notice of Poll published	Wednesday, 8 Sep 2021
Voting packs despatched	Thursday, 9 Sep 2021
Close of election	Monday, 4 Oct 2021
Declaration of results	<b>Tuesday, 5 Oct 2021</b>

## 5. Action

The Council of Governors is asked to **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the report.