

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

Wednesday 7th August 2024

Report of the Head of Education Development – Mr. Chris Millis

Matter for Decision

APPPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR

Ward Affected:

Glynneath Central and East

Purpose of the Report

This is a special report to seek the re-appointment of one LA Governor at YGG Cwmnedd.

Background

The long-standing Chair of Governors of the school previously signalled his intention to retire from the governing body at the end of his term of office in August, 2024. The school is likely to be inspected by Estyn at some point during the Autumn term and the Headteacher has recently been called for Jury Service in September. To ensure there is consistent leadership and experience at the school over the next few months the Chair of Governors has agreed to continue in the role; therefore, permission is sought to re-appoint the current LA Governor for a further term of office.

Governing bodies are made up of various categories of governor under existing legislation of The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005. One of those categories is LA governor representative. This Authority has determined that appointments and removals of LA governor representatives will be made by Cabinet.

Criteria for appointing and removing LA Governor Representatives

The Cabinet shall apply the following criteria in the priority set out below when considering appointments:

- a) Elected members representing wards in the catchment area of the relevant school or pupil referral unit.
- b) Other elected members of the LA.
- c) Persons who, in the opinion of the panel, would contribute to the well-being of the school or pupil referral unit.

In each of the above categories, where there are more candidates than vacancies, LA governor representatives shall be appointed on the basis of who, in the opinion of the Cabinet, will make the most significant contribution to the management of the relevant school or pupil referral unit.

The Cabinet shall apply the following criteria when considering removals.

Where there is an oversubscription of LA governor representatives on the governing body of the relevant school, or pupil referral unit, then the Board will replace one of the current LA governor representatives with the newly elected member.

Priority for replacement will be: any former elected member(s) having lost or resigned their ward seat; followed by the shortest time served LA governor representative on that particular governing body.

The Cabinet shall take the steps necessary to remove LA governor representatives where, in the opinion of the Cabinet, there is good reason.

Financial Impact

No implications.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (no.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016).

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below.

This report focusses solely on the appointment of LA governors to schools.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impacts

No implications.

Legal Impacts

The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the Council's obligations set out in The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

Risk Management Impacts:

Failure to appoint sufficient numbers of governors is likely to impede the operation and efficiency of the governing body.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item. Internal consultation regarding nominations of the LA governor representatives has, though, been undertaken with the respective Ward Members.

Recommendations

That, in line with approved policy, the LA governor representative listed within the appendix is appointed for a further term of office.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To enable the Authority to contribute to effective school governance through representation on school governing bodies.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

Appendices:

1. Details of the extension to be considered are set out in the appendix to this report.

List of Background Papers

Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Policy in relation to the appointment and removal of LA governor representatives.

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LA Governor Representatives
Summary

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
YGG Cwmnedd	01/09/2024	Re-appointment

YGG CWMNEDD

Current LA Representatives

Twn Cllr Del Morgan
Mrs Carolyn Edwards
Mr David Trefor Jones

Term of office ends

31/08/2024
31/12/2024
16/04/2027

Recommendation

Re-appoint
N/A
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Simon Knoyle

Ward

Glynneath Central and East

School 1

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School 2

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Other Information

i) None.