

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Cabinet

11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

#### Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES

#### Ward Affected:

Aberavon; Aberdulais; Baglan; Bryncoch North; Bryncoch South; Coedffranc Central; Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters; Glynneath Central and East; Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman; Neath East; Neath North; Pontardawe; Resolven and Tonna; Sandfields West.

#### Purpose of the Report

To appoint LA governor representatives to existing vacancies and vacancies that will arise up to and including the end of the Autumn Term 2024/25.

#### Background

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, LA governor representatives be appointed to the existing and forthcoming vacancies set out in the attached appendix.

## **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 vacancies to be filled 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 of Vacancies 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

<b>School</b>	<b>Date of Vacancy</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Baglan Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Blaenhonddan Primary School	31/12/2024	Re-appoint Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths
Cilffriw Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Cllr. Caroline Lewis Appoint Mr Clive Bowditch
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
Creunant Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
Llangatwg Community School	Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
Melin Primary School	Immediate 01/11/2024	Future appointment to be made Re-appoint Mrs Sandra Miller
Rhydyfro Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St Joseph's Catholic Junior School	Immediate	Appoint Ms. Oonagh Gavigan-Robbins
Tairgwaith Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Waunceirch Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs Amanda Cornwell
YGG Blaendulais	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Castell-nedd	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Cwmnedd	07/10/2024	Appoint Mrs Rhian Williams
YGG Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	Immediate 31/12/2024	Future appointment to be made Re-appoint Mrs Joan Slaymaker
Ynysfach Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mr Jeremy Bailey
Ysgol Bae Baglan	01/11/2024	Re-appoint Cllr. E.V. Latham
Ysgol Maes y Coed	Immediate	Appoint Ms. Joanne Evans

## BAGLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Peter D Richards

Cllr. Susanne Renkes

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2028

31/08/2025

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Carol Clement-Williams

Cllr. Susanne Renkes

Cllr. Peter D Richards

### Ward

Baglan

Baglan

Baglan

### School 1

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Baglan Primary

Baglan Primary

### School 2

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Blaenbaglan Primary

Blaenbaglan Primary

### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

## BLAENHONDDAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths*

Mr Andrew Collins

Mr Paul Gwilliam

### Term of office ends

*31/12/2024*

03/04/2026

06/04/2027

### Recommendation

*Re-appoint Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths

### Ward

Bryncoch North

### School 1

Blaenhonddan

### School 2

Waunceirch

### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

## CILFFRIW PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Vacancy*

Mrs Samantha Sharp

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*N/A*

07/04/2028

### Recommendation

*Appoint Cllr. Caroline Lewis*

*Appoint Mr Clive Bowditch*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Caroline Lewis

### Ward

Aberdulais

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- ii) An application has been received from Cllr. Caroline Lewis, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- iii) An application has been received from Mr Clive Bowditch, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.



## COEDFFRANC PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr. Nathan Goldup-John	31/08/2026	N/A
Mr. Stephen James	31/12/2026	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Angharad Aubrey	Coedffranc Central	-	-
Cllr. Nathan Goldup-John	Coedffranc Central	Coedffranc	-

### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.
- ii) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

## CREUNANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Mrs Kirsty Williams Ambrose

### Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

31/12/2027

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Stephen Hunt

Cllr. Sian Harris

### Ward

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

### School 1

YGG Blaendulais

Creunant

### School 2

Blaendulais Primary

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### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.
- ii) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

## LLANGATWG COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Phillip Rogers

Mr Elliot Pittom

Mr Leighton Veale

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*N/A*

31/08/2026

31/12/2027

30/04/2026

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Caroline Lewis

### Ward

Aberdulais

### School 1

Cilffriw

### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.
- ii) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

## MELIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Mrs. Sandra Miller*

Cllr. Wayne Carpenter

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*31/10/2024*

*31/08/2026*

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Re-appoint Mrs Sandra Miller*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Wayne Carpenter

Cllr. Lauren Heard

Cllr. Daniel Thomas

### Ward

Neath East

Neath East

Neath East

### School 1

Gnoll

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Gnoll

### School 2

Melin

-

YGG Tregelles

### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.
- ii) An application has been received from Mrs Sandra Miller who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

## RHYDYFRO PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Mr John Davies

Mr Vivian Thomas

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2028

30/04/2026

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Heath Davies

Cllr. Anthony Richards

### Ward

Pontardawe

Pontardawe

### School 1

Cwmtawe

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

### Recommendation

*Appoint Ms. Oonagh Gavigan-Robbins*

### Local Member

Cllr. Andrew Dacey

Cllr. Stephanie Grimshaw

### Ward

Aberavon

Aberavon

### School 1

Sandfields

St Joseph's Comprehensive

### School 2

St Joseph's Comprehensive

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Ms. Oonagh Gavigan-Robbins, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## TAIRGWAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Sarah Thomas

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2026

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Sarah Thomas

Cllr. Sonia Reynolds

### Ward

Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynaman

Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynaman

### School 1

Tairgwaith

YGG Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen

### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

## WAUNCEIRCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Mrs Bethan Healey

Mrs Catherine Archard

### Term of office ends

*Immediate*

31/08/2028

31/08/2026

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mrs Amanda Cornwell*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Chris Williams

Cllr. Jo Hale

### Ward

Bryncoch South

Bryncoch South

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Amanda Cornwell, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.



## YGG BLAENDULAIS

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Stephen Hunt

Mrs. Gaynor Smith

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2028

31/03/2025

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Stephen Hunt

Cllr. Sian Harris

### Ward

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

### School 1

YGG Blaendulais

Creunant

### School 2

Blaendulais Primary

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### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

## YGG CASTELL-NEDD

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Immediate</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr. Alan Lockyer	31/08/2027	N/A
Mr Christopher Shaw	31/03/2025	N/A
Mr John Roger Williams	31/12/2026	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Alan Lockyer	Neath North	Gnoll	YG Castell-nedd
Cllr. Andy Lodwig	Neath North	YG Tregeles	-

### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

## YGG CWM NEDD

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Mrs Carolyn Edwards

Mr David TREFOR Jones

### Term of office ends

*06/10/2024*

31/12/2024

16/04/2027

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mrs Rhian Williams*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Simon Anthony Knoyle

### Ward

Glynneath Central and East

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Rhian Williams, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## YGG GWAUN CAE GURWEN

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Mrs Joan Slaymaker*

Cllr Sonia Reynolds

### Term of office ends

*Immediate*

*31/12/2024*

31/08/2025

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Re-appoint Mrs Joan Slaymaker*

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Sonia Reynolds

Cllr. Sarah Thomas

### Ward

Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynaman

Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynaman

### School 1

YGG Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen

Tairgwaith

### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.
- ii) An application has been received from Mrs Joan Slaymaker who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

## YNYSFACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacant*

Mr Scott Barnes

Mrs Catherine Chappell

### Term of office ends

*Immediate*

21/02/2026

31/12/2027

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mr Jeremy Bailey*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Leanne Jones

Cllr. Dean Lewis

### Ward

Resolven and Tonna

Resolven and Tonna

### School 1

Cefn Saeson

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### School 2

Melin

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mr Jeremy Bailey, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## YSGOL BAE BAGLAN

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Cllr. E.V. Latham</i>	<i>31/10/2024</i>	<i>Re-appoint Cllr. E.V. Latham</i>
Cllr. Oliver Davies	31/08/2025	N/A
Mr Eric Normand	31/08/2026	N/A
Mrs Samantha Pascoe	07/04/2028	N/A
Mr Roger Williams	16/04/2027	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Oliver Davies	Sandfields West	Ysgol Bae Baglan	-
Cllr. Suzanne Paddison	Sandfields West	-	-
Cllr. Robert Wood	Sandfields West	Ysgol Bae Baglan	-

### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. E.V. Latham who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

## YSGOL MAES Y COED

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*  
Mrs Claire Bateman

### Term of office ends

*Immediate*  
30/09/2024

### Recommendation

*Appoint Ms. Joanne Evans*  
N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Wyndham Fryer

### Ward

Bryncoch North

### School 1

Bryncoch CinW

### School 2

Wauanceirch

### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Ms. Joanne Evans, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.