

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

11th 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 11th September 2024

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
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

-

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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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. Phillip Rogers	31/08/2026	N/A
Mr Elliot Pittom	31/12/2027	N/A
Mr Leighton Veale	30/04/2026	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Caroline Lewis	Aberdulais	Cilffriw	-

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	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
<i>Mrs. Sandra Miller</i>	<i>31/10/2024</i>	<i>Re-appoint Mrs Sandra Miller</i>
<i>Cllr. Wayne Carpenter</i>	<i>31/08/2026</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Wayne Carpenter	Neath East	Gnoll	Melin
Cllr. Lauren Heard	Neath East	-	-
Cllr. Daniel Thomas	Neath East	Gnoll	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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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.