

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Cabinet

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 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; Cimla and Pelenna; Coedffranc Central; Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters; Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera; Glynneath Central and East; Godre'r Graig; Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman; Neath East; Pontardawe; Trebanos.

#### 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 Spring 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> December 2024**

| <b>School</b>                           | <b>Date of Vacancy</b>              | <b>Proposal</b>  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Baglan Primary School                   | Immediate                           | Future appointment to be made  |
| Blaendulais Primary School              | 01/04/2025                          | Re-appoint Cllr Stephen Hunt   |
| Bryncoch CIW Primary School             | Immediate                           | Future appointment to be made  |
| Coedffranc Primary School               | Immediate<br>Immediate              | Appoint Mrs Charlotte Ajomale-Evans<br>Appoint Mr Sewak Singh                            |
| Creunant Primary School                 | Immediate<br>Immediate              | Appoint Mr Alan Tudor Jones<br>Future appointment to be made                             |
| Crynallt Primary School                 | Immediate                           | Members to decide  |
| Cwmnedd Primary School                  | Immediate                           | Future appointment to be made  |
| Godre'rgraig Primary School             | 11/01/2025<br>Immediate             | Re-appoint Mrs Glenys Protheroe<br>Future appointment to be made                         |
| Llangatwg Community School              | Immediate<br>Immediate<br>Immediate | Appoint Mr Emrys Elias<br>Future appointment to be made<br>Future appointment to be made |
| Melin Primary School                    | Immediate                           | Future appointment to be made  |
| Rhydyfro Primary School                 | Immediate                           | Future appointment to be made  |
| St Joseph's RC School & 6th Form Centre | Immediate                           | Future appointment to be made  |
| Tairgwaith Primary School               | Immediate                           | Appoint Miss Lucy Russell  |
| YGG Blaendulais                         | 01/04/2025                          | Re-appoint Mrs Gaynor Smith  |
| YGG Gwaun Cae Gurwen                    | Immediate                           | Appoint Mrs Lucy Harrison  |
| YGG Trebannws                           | Immediate                           | Future appointment to be made  |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera-Bro Dur        | 01/04/2025                          | Re-appoint Mr Gavin Thomas   |

## 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

-

Baglan Primary

Baglan Primary

### School 2

-

Blaenbaglan Primary

Blaenbaglan Primary

### Other Information

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

## BLAENDULAIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Cllr. Stephen K. Hunt*

Mr Emyr Lewis

Mr Mrs Gaynor Smith

### Term of office ends

*31/03/2025*

31/08/2026

31/08/2026

### Recommendation

*Re-appoint Cllr. Stephen K. Hunt*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Sian Harris

Cllr. Stephen K. Hunt

### Ward

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

### School 1

-

Blaendulais

### School 2

-

YGG Blaendulais

### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Stephen K. Hunt who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

## BRYNCOCH CHURCH IN WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Current LA Representatives**  
*Vacancy*

**Term of office ends**  
*N/A*

**Recommendation**  
*Future appointment to be made*

**Local Member**  
Cllr. Wyndham Fryer Griffiths

**Ward**  
Bryncoch North

**School 1**  
Blaenhonddan

**School 2**  
Waunceirch

### **Other Information**

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

## COEDFFRANC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Nathan Goldup-John

Mr. Stephen James

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*N/A*

31/08/2026

31/12/2026

### Recommendation

*Mrs Charlotte Ajomale-Evans*

*Mr Sewak Singh*

*N/A*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Angharad Aubrey

Cllr. Nathan Goldup-John

### Ward

Coedffranc Central

Coedffranc Central

### School 1

-

Coedffranc

### School 2

-

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs Charlotte Ajolmale-Evans, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Mr Sewak Singh, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## 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*

*Appoint Mr Alan Tudor Jones*

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Sian Harris

Cllr. Stephen K. Hunt

### Ward

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

### School 1

-

YGG Blaendulais

### School 2

-

Blaendulais Primary

### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.
- ii) An application has been received from Mr Alan Tudor Jones, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## CRYNALLT PRIMARY SCHOOL

| <b>Current LA Representatives</b> | <b>Term of office ends</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Vacancy</i>                    | <i>N/A</i>                 | <i>Members to decide</i> |
| Cllr. Peter A Rees                | 07/09/2025                 | N/A                      |
| Mr John Warman                    | 31/08/2025                 | N/A                      |

| <b>Local Member</b> | <b>Ward</b>       | <b>School 1</b> | <b>School 2</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cllr. Tim Bowen     | Cimla and Pelenna | -               | -               |
| Cllr. Jeremy Hurley | Cimla and Pelenna | -               | -               |

### **Other Information**

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Jeremy Hurley, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Mrs Melanie Moore, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## CWMNEDD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Mr Edward Jones

Ms Kathy Parry-Jones

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2028

31/08/2027

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

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

## GODRE'R GRAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Mrs Glenys Protheroe*

Cllr. Rosalyn Davies

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*10/01/2025*

*31/08/2028*

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Reappoint Mrs Glenys Protheroe*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Rosalyn Davies

### Ward

Godre'r Graig

### School 1

Godre'r Graig

### School 2

Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur

### Other Information

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

## LLANGATWG COMMUNITY 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> |
| <i>Vacancy</i>                    | <i>N/A</i>                 | <i>Appoint Mr Emrys Elias</i>        |
| Cllr. Phillip Rogers              | 31/08/2026                 | N/A                                  |
| Mr Elliot Pittom                  | 31/12/2027                 | N/A                                  |

| <b>Local Member</b>  | <b>Ward</b> | <b>School 1</b> | <b>School 2</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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.
- iii) An application has been received from Mr Emrys Elias, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## MELIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Mrs. Sandra Miller

Cllr. Wayne Carpenter

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/10/2028

31/08/2026

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Wayne Carpenter

Cllr. Lauren Heard

Cllr. Daniel Thomas

### Ward

Neath East

Neath East

Neath East

### School 1

Gnoll

-

Gnoll

### School 2

Melin

-

YGG Tregelles

### Other Information

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

## RHYDYFRO PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Vacancy*

Mr John Davies

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*N/A*

31/08/2028

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Future appointment to be made*

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

## ST JOSEPH'S RC SCHOOL & 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM CENTRE

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

### Local Member

Cllr. Andrew Dacey

Cllr. Stephanie Grimshaw

### Ward

Aberavon

Aberavon

### School 1

Sandfields

Sandfields

### School 2

St Joseph's Comprehensive

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### Other Information

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

## TAIRGWAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Sarah Thomas

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2026

### Recommendation

*Appoint Miss Lucy Russell*

*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) An application has been received from Miss Lucy Russell, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## YGG BLAENDULAIS

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Mrs. Gaynor Smith*

Cllr. Stephen K. Hunt

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*31/03/2025*

*31/08/2028*

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Reappoint Mrs Gaynor Smith*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Sian Harris

Cllr. Stephen K. Hunt

### Ward

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

### School 1

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YGG Blaendulais

### School 2

Blaendulais Primary

### Other Information

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

## YGG GWAUN CAE GURWEN

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Sonia Reynolds

Ms Joan Slaymaker

### Term of office ends

*06/10/2024*

31/08/2025

31/12/2028

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mrs Lucy Harrison*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Sonya 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) An application has been received from Mrs. Lucy Harrison, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## YGG TREBANNWS

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Rebeca Phillips

Mr Rhys Jones

### Term of office ends

*06/10/2024*

31/08/2028

31/08/2026

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Rebeca Phillips

### Ward

Trebanos

### School 1

YGG Trebannws

### School 2

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### Other Information

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

## YSGOL GYMRAEG YSTALYFERA-BRO DUR

### Current LA Representatives

*Mr Gavin Thomas*  
Cllr Rosalyn Davies  
Cllr Alun Llewelyn  
Mrs Helen Clarke

### Term of office ends

*01/04/2025*  
31/08/2025  
31/08/2025  
31/08/2025

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mr Gavin Thomas*  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Cathy James  
Cllr. Alun Llewelyn

### Ward

Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera  
Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera

### School 1

YGG Cwmllynfell  
YGG Cwmllynfell

### School 2

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YG Ystalyfera Bro-Dur

### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mr Gavin Thomas who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.