

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board**

(SPECIAL)

10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016

### **Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas**

#### **Matter for Decision**

#### **Wards Affected:**

All

#### **Title**

**APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
NEW ALL-THROUGH WELSH-MEDIUM SCHOOL TEMPORARY  
GOVERNING BODY.**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To appoint LA governor representatives to the new all-through Welsh-Medium School temporary governing body.

#### **Background**

Members will be aware that in January, 2016 Cabinet agreed the proposals to establish a new all-through Welsh-Medium School to replace YG Ystalyfera and YGG Y Wern. The new school will have a campus in the North of the County Borough on the current site of YG

Ystalyfera, and a campus in the South of the County Borough on the current site of Sandfields Comprehensive School.

Members have also agreed to create a temporary governing body which will oversee the business and setting-up of the new school in advance of its opening in September, 2017. This report seeks Members approval to appoint five individuals to the temporary governing body under the category of LA Governor Representative.

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 the Children, Young People and Education (Special) Cabinet Board.

Criteria for appointing and removing LA Governor Representatives:

The Cabinet Board 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 Board, will make the most significant contribution to the management of the relevant school or pupil referral unit.

The Cabinet Board shall apply the following criteria when considering removals:

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

## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact associated with this proposal.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

Having considered the Council's screening assessment guidance produced to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 it has been determined that the proposal within this report does not require an equalities impact assessment.

## **Workforce Impacts**

There are no direct workforce or staffing issues in relation to this proposal, however, the temporary governing body will have a vital role to play in appointing individuals to the new school and in this regard the Council will be expecting the temporary governing body to honour the employer's pledge.

## **Legal Impacts**

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

## **Risk Management**

There are no direct risks associated with this report.

## **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 all Members of the Council given that the catchment area for the school stretches across the County Borough.

## **Recommendations**

That, in line with approved policy, LA governor representatives be appointed to the five vacancies set out on the attached sheet.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

To enable the Authority to contribute to effective school governance through representation on school governing bodies and the pupil referral unit single management committee.

## **Implementation of Decision**

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

## **Appendices**

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.

Applications for LA governorship.

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<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Members to determine appointment</i>
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<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>	<b>School 3</b>
Cllr A Llewelyn	Ystalyfera	YGG Y Wern	Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera	
Cllr A Chaves	Sandfields West	YGG Rhos Afan		
Cllr J Evans	Sandfields West	YGG Rhos Afan	Sandfields Comprehensive	Ysgol Bae Baglan
Cllr S Paddison	Sandfields West	Awel y Môr Prim	Sandfields Comprehensive	

### **Other Information**

Following a request of Members from all Wards, applications have been received from: Cllr. Audrey Chaves, Cllr. James Evans, Cllr. Hugh James, Cllr. David Lewis, Cllr Alun Llewellyn and Cllr. Peter Rees who wish to be considered for appointment.