

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

9th September, 2016

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

Matter for decision

**Wards Affected:** Neath East.

### **APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES AT MELIN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

1. To appoint three LA Governor Representatives to the new permanent governing body of Melin Primary School.

#### **Background**

2. Members will be aware that Melin Primary School opened as an all-through 3-11 school on 1st September, 2016 replacing Melin Infant and Melin Junior Schools as one entity.

Members agreed in June, 2016 the creation of an Instrument of Government, which created a permanent name for the school and an incorporation date when a permanent governing body would take office of 1st November, 2016. The temporary governing body will continue until this date in its current form when their role and function will then come to an end. The current LA Governor Representatives on the temporary governing body are: Cllr. John Miller, Cllr. Sandra Miller and Cllr. Sheila Penry.

Members will be aware that LA Governor Representatives are appointed by the Council in priority order of: i) Elected Members representing wards in the catchment area of the relevant school or pupil referral unit; ii) Other elected members of the LA and iii) Persons who, in the opinion of the Council, would contribute to the well-being of the school or pupil referral unit. The locally elected Members for the Wards in the catchment area of Ysgol Bae Baglan have been asked whether they wish to be considered for appointment to the permanent governing body. Those that wish to be considered are (alphabetical):

Councillor John Miller

Councillor Sandra Miller

Councillor Sheila Penry

### **Financial Impact**

3. There is no financial impact associated with this proposal.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

4. 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**

5. There are no direct workforce or staffing issues in relation to this report.

### **Legal Impacts**

6. The contents of this report are in accordance with the Councils obligations set out in The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

## **Risk Management**

7. Should Members decide not to appoint LA Governor Representatives to the permanent governing body then the Council will not be fulfilling its legal obligation in accordance with The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

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

## **Consultation**

8. Not applicable.

## **Recommendations**

9. That in line with approved policy Members are asked to approve the LA governor representatives for Melin Primary School as: Councillor John Miller, Councillor Sandra Miller and Councillor Sheila Penry. All appointments will commence on 1st November, 2016 and last for a period of four years.

## **Reason for Proposed Decision**

To enable the Authority to contribute to effective school governing bodies.

## **Implementation of Decision**

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

## **Appendices**

11. None.

## **List of Background Papers**

12. Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board (Special), 10th December, 2012

Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board, 2nd June, 2016

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