

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: Aberavon, Baglan, Briton Ferry East, Briton Ferry West, Port Talbot, Sandfields East and Sandfields West.

APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES AT YSGOL BAE BAGLAN

Purpose of the Report

1. To appoint five LA Governor Representatives to the new permanent governing body of Ysgol Bae Baglan.

Background

2. Members will be aware that Ysgol Bae Baglan opened as an all-through 3-16 school on 1st September, 2016 replacing Traethmelyn Primary, Cwrt Sart, Glanafan and Sandfields Comprehensive Schools as one entity.

Members agreed in January, 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. James Evans, Cllr. Dennis Keogh, Cllr. Ted Latham, Cllr. Colin Morgan and Cllr. Anthony Taylor.

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 James Evans

Councillor Hugh James

Councillor Lella James

Councillor Mark Jones

Councillor Dennis Keogh

Councillor Ted Latham

Councillor Colin Morgan

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. Given the receipt of seven requests from Elected Members for the Wards in the catchment area of Ysgol Bae Baglan, Cabinet Members are asked to make a determination as to the five appointments to the permanent governing body. 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, 14th January, 2016

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