

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board

26th January, 2017

Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Margam, Taibach, Port Talbot, Bryn & Cwmafan, Pelenna

**APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES
FOR THE TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODY FOR THE
PROPOSED NEW ALL THROUGH SCHOOL YSGOL
NEWYDD MARGAM (REPLACING DYFFRYN SCHOOL AND
GROES PRIMARY SCHOOL).**

Purpose of the Report

1. To appoint 5 LA Governor representatives to the temporary governing body of the new (3-16 age-range) 'all through' school Ysgol Newydd Margam (replacing Dyffryn School (Upper & Lower) and Groes Primary School).

Background

2. Members will be aware that on 5th January, 2017, Cabinet agreed to establish a temporary governing body for Ysgol Newydd Margam, a new

all through school (3-16 age range) (replacing Dyffryn School (Upper & Lower) and Groes Primary School).

3. Members will also be aware that in addition to creating the temporary governing body Members were asked to consider the appointment of suitable LA Governor representatives to sit on the temporary governing body. As there were more nominations than positions available Members determined to defer a decision pending the receipt of further information. An extract from the minutes of that meeting is reproduced below for ease of reference:

Decision 5 - "That the appointment of LA Governor representatives be deferred to enable a request to be made to the candidates of which there are more than vacancies, to provide written information/submissions not exceeding 500 words by the 16th January 2017 to enable the Cabinet Board at a future meeting to decide, as required by the Council's policy of December 2012 who in the opinion of the Cabinet Board will make the most significant contribution to the management of the school."

4. All the Members that represent Wards where there are children that live within the catchment area for the new proposed school were asked to submit written submissions. Written submissions have subsequently been received from three eligible Members (alphabetically):

Councillor Martin Ellis (Pelenna)

Councillor Rob G. Jones (Margam)

Councillor Anthony J. Taylor (Taibach)

5. Individual written submissions will be made available at the meeting should Members wish to see them; however, it is the recommendation that given only three submissions were received, all of whom meet the criteria of the Council's policy, then all three be appointed to the temporary governing body with the two remaining vacancies deferred for consideration at a future date.

Financial Impact

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

Equality Impact Assessment

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. Should the recommendation to create the temporary governing body not be approved then the process of organising the business for the new primary school, including the appointment of a Headteacher, cannot commence.

Consultation

11. 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 representing wards in the catchment area of the proposed school.

Recommendations

12. That Councillor Martin Ellis, Councillor Rob G. Jones and Councillor Anthony J. Taylor be appointed to the temporary governing body of Ysgol Newydd Margam with two remaining vacancies deferred for consideration at a future date.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

13. To comply with legislative requirements for the establishment of a new school.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

15. None.

List of Background Papers

16. Proposal consultation document

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/CONSULTATIONDOCUMENTMargam.pdf>

The New Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2005/2912/contents/made>

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