

**NEATH PORT TALBOT
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

(SPECIAL)

15th February 2018

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

Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR

Wards Affected:

Cimla, Neath East, Neath North and Neath South

Purpose of the Report

1. To appoint LA governor representatives to existing vacancies and vacancies that will arise up to and including the end of the Spring Term 2017/18.

Background

2. 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 Education, Skills and Culture (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:

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

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

Risk Management

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

Consultation

8. 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

9. That inline with the approved policy, LA governor representative be appointed to the existing and forthcoming vacancies set out in the attached appendix.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

10. To enable the Authority to contribute to effective school governance through representation on school governing bodies.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

12. 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.

Individual applications for LA governorship.

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Current LA Representatives	Term of Office ends	Recommendation
Cllr. Peter Rees	31/08/2020	N/A
Cllr. Sheila Penry	31/08/2020	N/A
Cllr. John Warman	31/08/2020	N/A
Cllr. Adam McGrath	31/08/2021	N/A
Mr. Stephen John	31/12/2021	Remove Mr. Stephen John and appoint Cllr. Mark Protheroe

Local member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Adam McGrath	Cimla	Cefn Saeson Comp	Crynallt Primary
Cllr. John Warman	Cimla	Cefn Saeson Comp	Crynallt Primary

Other information

i) an application has been received from Cllr. Mark Protheroe who wishes to be considered for appointment as a LA governor at the school