

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

(SPECIAL)

20th September 2018

Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

Bryncoch North

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVE

Purpose of the Report

To appoint LA governor representatives to existing vacancies and vacancies that will arise up to and including the end of the Autumn Term 2018/19.

Background

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 oversubscription 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 with 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

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 report.

Legal Impacts

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

Risk Management

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

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 the respective Ward Members.

Recommendations

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

Reasons for Proposed Decision

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

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for immediate implementation.

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.

Individual applications for LA governorship.

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BRYNCOCH CHURCH-IN-WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives
Vacancy

Term of office ends
N/A

Recommendation
Appoint Mr. Adrian Parker

Local Member
Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths

Ward
Bryncoch North

School 1
Blaenhonddan Primary

School 2
Wauanceirch Primary

Other Information

An application has been received from Mr. Adrian Parker who wishes to be considered for this vacancy.