

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

18th October, 2018

Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision:

APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES AT
YSGOL CARREG HIR

Wards Affected:

Briton Ferry East and Briton Ferry West

Purpose of the Report

1. To appoint three LA Governor Representatives to the new permanent governing body of Ysgol Carreg Hir.

Background

2. Members will be aware that Ysgol Carreg Hir opened as a primary school on 1st September, 2018, replacing Brynhyfryn, Llansawel and Groes Primary Schools as one entity.

Members agreed in December, 2017, to 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, 2018. The temporary governing body would 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. Chris James, Cllr. Hugh James, and Mr. Peter Nedin.

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. As Briton Ferry and Briton Ferry West are the Wards that are the catchment area for Ysgol Carreg Hir the elected Members in these areas have been asked whether they wish to be considered for appointment to the permanent governing body. Those Members that wish to be considered are (alphabetically):

Cllr. Chris James

Cllr. Hugh James

Mr. Peter Nedin's name has been put forward to fill the vacant position of LA Governor Representative. Mr. Nedin is currently a serving LA Governor and is Chair of Governors of the temporary governing body at Ysgol Carreg Hir and was, previously, Chair of Governors at Ynysmaerdy Primary School.

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 workforce or staffing issues directly associated with this proposal although the permanent governing body will have responsibility for the employment of staff at the school.

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. Should the recommendation to create the permanent governing body not be approved then the Council will be in breach of its statutory obligation.

Consultation

8. Not applicable.

Recommendations

9. That in line with approved policy Members are asked to approve the LA governor representatives for Ysgol Cwm Brombil as:

Cllr. Chris James

Cllr. Hugh James

Mr. Peter Nedin

Reasons for Proposed Decision

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

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

12. Ysgol Carreg Hir - Instrument of Government.

List of Background Papers

13. Children Young People and Education Cabinet Board (Special)
2nd March 2016

[CYPE 2nd March 2017](#)

The New Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005:

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

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Appendix A

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT - COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

1. The name of the school is:
Ysgol Carreg Hir
2. The school is a community school.
3. The name of the governing body is:
Ysgol Carreg Hir
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - (a) Four parent governors;
 - (b) Three local authority governors;
 - (c) One teacher governors;
 - (d) One staff governor;
 - (e) Three community governors;
 - (f) Headteacher (except at any time when he/she has given written notice to the clerk to the governing body that he/she chooses not to be a governor).
5. Total number of governors: Thirteen (except at any time when the Headteacher has given notice as above that he/she chooses not to be a governor, when the total number of governors will be twelve.
6. This instrument of government comes into effect on 1st November, 2018.
7. This instrument was made by order of Neath Port Talbot Local Authority on 9th December, 2017.