

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet Board

30th September 2020

Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVES

Wards Affected:

Aberavon, Blaengwrach, Briton Ferry West, Bryncoch North, Bryncoch South, Coedffranc Central, Cwmllynfell, Glynneath, Godre'rgraig, Gwaun Cae Gurwen, Lower Brynamman, Neath East, Neath North, Neath South, Pontardawe, Rhos, Sandfields West, Ystalyfera

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 2020/21.

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

No implications.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (no.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016).

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below.

This report focusses solely on the appointment and removal of LA governors to schools.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impacts

No implications.

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 Impacts:

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 implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices:

- i) 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.

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LA Governor Representatives
Summary of Vacancies 30th September, 2020

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
Blaengwrach Primary School	01/01/2021	Re-appoint Cllr. Carolyn Edwards
Blaenhonddan Primary School	01/01/2021	Re-appoint Cllr Wyndham Griffiths
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
Crymlyn Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Cwmtawe Community School	01/01/2021	Re-appoint Ms. Susanne Lewis
Gnoll Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
Godre'rgraig Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
Melin Primary School	01/11/2020 01/11/2020 01/11/2020	Re-appoint Cllr. John Miller Re-appoint Cllr. Sandra Miller Re-appoint Cllr. Sheila Penry
Rhos Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Cllr. Marcia Spooner Appoint Miss. Kristina Sheppard
Sandfields Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's Catholic Junior School	01/09/2020	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	01/01/2021	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's RC School & 6 th Form Centre	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St. Therese's Catholic Primary School	01/01/2021	Re-appoint Mr. Neil Crowley
Tairgwaith Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Castell-Nedd	01/01/2021	Future appointment to be made
YGG Cwmllynfell	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Michael Walton
YGG Cwm Nedd	01/01/2021	Re-appoint Cllr. Carolyn Edwards
YGG Gwaun Cae Gurwen	01/01/2021	Re-appoint Mrs. Joan Slaymaker
YGG Pontardawe	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Tyle'r Ynn	Immediate	Appoint Cllr. Hugh James
Ysgol Bae Baglan	Immediate 01/11/2020	Future appointment to be made Re-appoint Cllr. E V Latham
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Bro Dur	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ysgol Hendrefelin	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ysgol Maes Y Coed	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Claire Bateman

BLAENGWRACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Cllr. Carolyn Edwards

Mr. Leonard Jenkins

Mrs. Sharon Davies

Term of office ends

31/12/2020

31/08/2022

31/03/2023

Recommendation

Re-appoint Cllr. Carolyn Edwards

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Carolyn Edwards

Ward

Blaengwrach

School 1

Blaengwrach

School 2

YGG Cwm Nedd

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Carolyn Edwards who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

BLAENHONDDAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths

Mr. Andrew Collins

Mrs. Ruth Aplin

Term of office ends

31/12/2020

30/04/2022

31/08/2022

Recommendation

Re-appoint Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Jo Hale

Cllr. Chris Williams

Ward

Bryncoch South

Bryncoch South

School 1

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School 2

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Other Information

i) An application has been received from Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

COEDFFRANC PRIMARY SCHOOL (Deferred from previous panel)

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr. Arthur P H Davies	31/12/2022	N/A
Mr Stephen James	31/12/2022	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Angharad Aubrey	Coedffranc Central	-	-
Cllr. Arthur P H Davies	Coedffranc Central	Coedffranc Primary	-

Other Information

- i) To date, no nominations/applications have been received for these vacancies.

CWMTAWE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Ms. Susanne Lewis</i>	<i>31/12/2020</i>	<i>Re-appoint Ms. Susanne Lewis</i>
Cllr. Linet Purcell	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr. Vivian Thomas	31/12/2021	N/A
Mr. William Thomas	31/12/2023	N/A
Mrs. Julie Mallinson	31/08/2024	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Linet Purcell	Pontardawe	Cwmtawe Comprehensive	Rhydyfro
Cllr. Anthony John Richards	Pontardawe	-	-

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Ms. Susanne Lewis who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

GNOLL PRIMARY SCHOOL (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr Alan Lockyer	31/08/2024	N/A
Mrs. Linda Rees	30/04/2023	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. John Miller	Neath East	Melin Primary	YGG Castell Nedd
Cllr. Sandra Miller	Neath East	Melin Primary	-
Cllr. Sheila Penry	Neath East	Cefn Saeson	Melin Primary

Other Information

- i) To date, no nominations/applications have been received for these vacancies.

GODRE'RGRAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Cllr. Rosalyn Davies

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

31/08/2024

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

Future appointment to be made

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Rosalyn Davies

Ward

Godre'rgraig

School 1

Godre'rgraig Primary

School 2

Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Bro Dur

Other Information

- i) To date, no nominations/applications have been received for these vacancies.

MELIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Cllr. John Miller

Cllr. Sandra Miller

Cllr. Sheila Penry

Term of office ends

31/10/2020

31/10/2020

31/10/2020

Recommendation

Re-appoint Cllr. John Miller

Re-appoint Cllr. Sandra Miller

Re-appoint Cllr. Sheila Penry

Local Member

Cllr. John Miller

Cllr. Sandra Miller

Cllr. Sheila Penry

Ward

Neath East

Neath East

Neath East

School 1

Melin Primary

Melin Primary

Cefn Saeson

School 2

YGG Castell Nedd

-

Melin Primary

Other Information

i) Applications have been received from Cllr. John Miller, Cllr. Sandra Miller & Cllr. Sheila Penry who wish to be considered for re-appointment.

RHOS PRIMARY SCHOOL (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Mrs. Sharon Atkins

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

30/04/2022

Recommendation

Appoint Cllr. Marcia Spooner

Appoint Miss. Kristina Sheppard

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Marcia Spooner

Ward

Rhos

School 1

Rhos Primary

School 2

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Other Information

- i) Applications have been received from Cllr. Marcia Spooner & Miss. Kristina Sheppard who wish to be considered for appointment.

SANDFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Mrs. Suzanne Amos	31/12/2022	N/A
Mrs. Susan Harvey	30/04/2023	N/A
Mr. Almon Ryan Macalino	31/12/2023	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Scott Bamsey	Aberavon	St. Joseph's Comprehensive	-
Cllr. Nigel Hunt	Aberavon	YGG Rhosafan	-
Vacancy	Aberavon		

Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Term of office ends

N/A

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

Local Member

Cllr. Scott Bamsey

Cllr. Nigel Hunt

Vacancy

Ward

Aberavon

Aberavon

Aberavon

School 1

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

YGG Rhosafan

School 2

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Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (NEATH)

Current LA Representatives

Mr. Robert Grant

Term of office ends

31/12/2020

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

Local Member

Cllr. Jamie Evans
Cllr. Peter A Rees

Ward

Neath South
Neath South

School 1

-
Cefn Saeson Comprehensive

School 2

-
Crynallt Primary

Other Information

- i) Mr. Robert Grant has advised that he does not wish to apply for a further term of office; to date no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

ST. JOSEPH'S RC SCHOOL & 6TH FORM CENTRE

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. Scott Bamsey

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2021

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Scott Bamsey

Cllr. Nigel Hunt

Vacancy

Ward

Aberavon

Aberavon

Aberavon

School 1

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

YGG Rhosafan

School 2

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Other Information

i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

ST. THERESE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Mr. Neil Crowley

Term of office ends

31/12/2020

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mr. Neil Crowley

Local Member

Cllr. Oliver Davies

Cllr. Suzanne Paddison

Cllr. Robert Wood

Ward

Sandfields West

Sandfields West

Sandfields West

School 1

Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Ysgol Bae Baglan

School 2

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mr. Neil Crowley who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

TAIRGWAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mr. Stephen Wadley

Term of office ends

N/A

31/03/2023

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Arwyn Woolcock

Ward

Lower Brynamman

School 1

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School 2

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Other Information

i) To date no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

YGG CASTELL NEDD

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Mrs. Angharad Parsons</i>	31/12/2020	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr. Alan Lockyer	31/08/2023	N/A
Cllr. John Miller	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr. John Roger Williams	31/12/2022	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Alan Lockyer	Neath North	Gnoll Primary	YGG Castell Nedd
Cllr. Mark Protheroe	Neath North	Cefn Saeson Comprehensive	Melin Primary

Other Information

- i) Mrs. Angharad Parsons has advised that she does not wish to apply for a further term of office; to date no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

YGG CWMLLYNFELL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. D. Hugh Jones

Mr. Martin Caddell

Term of office ends

N/A

31/01/2022

31/03/2023

Recommendation

Appoint Mr. Michael Walton

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Hugh Jones

Ward

Cwmllynfell

School 1

YGG Cwmllynfell

School 2

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Other Information

i) An application has been received from Mr. Michael Walton who wishes to be considered for appointment.

YGG CWM NEDD

Current LA Representatives

Cllr. Carolyn Edwards

Cllr. Simon Knoyle

Cllr. Del Morgan

Term of office ends

31/12/2020

31/08/2021

31/08/2024

Recommendation

Re-appoint Cllr. Carolyn Edwards

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Simon Knoyle

Cllr. Del Morgan

Ward

Glynneath

Glynneath

School 1

YGG Cwmnedd

YGG Cwmnedd

School 2

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Carolyn Edwards who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

YGG GWAUN CAE GURWEN

Current LA Representatives

Mrs. Joan Slaymaker

Cllr. Sonia Reynolds

Mrs. Lucy Harrison

Term of office ends

31/12/2020

31/08/2021

31/03/2024

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mrs. Joan Slaymaker

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Sonia Reynolds

Ward

Gwaun Cae Gurwen

School 1

YGG Gwaun Cae Gurwen

School 2

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Joan Slaymaker who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

YGG PONTARDAWE (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
Vacancy	N/A	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Ms. Bethan Gill	31/12/2021	N/A
Mrs. Sarah Gray	31/08/2023	N/A
Mr. David Williams	31/08/2024	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Linet Purcell	Pontardawe	Cwmtawe Comprehensive	Rhydyfro Primary
Cllr. Anthony Richards	Pontardawe	-	-

Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

YGG TYLE'R YNN

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. Helen Clarke

Mrs. Lisa Clement-Jones

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2023

31/08/2022

Recommendation

Appoint Cllr. Hugh James

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Hugh N James

Ward

Briton Ferry West

School 1

Ysgol Carreg Hir

School 2

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Other Information

i) An application has been received from Cllr. Hugh James who wishes to be considered for appointment.

YSGOL BAE BAGLAN

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
<i>Cllr. E V Latham</i>	<i>31/10/2020</i>	<i>Re-appoint Cllr. E V Latham</i>
Cllr. Oliver Davies	31/08/2021	N/A
Cllr. Christopher James	31/08/2021	N/A
Mr. Sam Greasley	31/12/2023	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Oliver Davies	Sandfields West	Ysgol Bae Baglan	-
Cllr. Suzanne Paddison	Sandfields West	-	-
Cllr. Robert Wood	Sandfields West	Ysgol Bae Baglan	-

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. E V Latham who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.
- ii) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

YSGOL GYMRAEG YSTALYFERA – BRO DUR (Deferred from previous panel)

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr. Alun Llewelyn	08/11/2021	N/A
Cllr. Helen Clarke	08/11/2021	N/A
Cllr. Rosalyn Davies	08/11/2021	N/A
Mr. Tudur Jones	31/03/2023	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Alun Llewellyn	Ystalyfera	Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur	-
Cllr. Oliver Davies	Sandfields West	Ysgol Bae Baglan	-
Cllr. Suzanne Paddison	Sandfields West	-	-
Cllr. Robert Wood	Sandfields West	Ysgol Bae Baglan	-

Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

YSGOL HENDREFELIN

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mrs. Anastasia MacPherson Jones

Mr. Richard Blank

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2021

31/01/2023

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Wyndam Griffiths

Ward

Bryncoch North

School 1

Blaenhonddan Primary

School 2

Waunceirch Primary

Other Information

i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

YSGOL MAES Y COED

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mr. Anthony Blake

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2022

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Claire Bateman

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Wyndam Griffiths

Ward

Bryncoch North

School 1

Blaenhonddan Primary

School 2

Wauanceirch Primary

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Claire Bateman who wishes to be considered for appointment.