

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Cabinet

6th January 2021

Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVES

Wards Affected:

Aberavon, Bryncoch North, Coedffranc Central, Crynant, Godre'rgraig, Lower Brynamman, Neath East, Neath North, Neath South, Pontardawe, Resolven, Sandfields East, Sandfields West, Seven Sisters, Tonna, 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 Spring 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:

1. 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 22nd December, 2020

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
Blaendulais Primary School	01/04/2021 01/04/2021	Re-appoint Cllr. Stephen Hunt Re-appoint Mr. Gary James
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Mr. Andrew Addis-Fuller Future appointment to be made
Creunant Primary School	01/04/2021	Re-appoint Mrs. Sarah Griffiths
Gnoll Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Cllr. Sandra Miller Future appointment to be made
Godre'rgraig Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Glenys Protheroe Future appointment to be made
Rhydyfro Primary School	01/04/2021	Re-appoint Cllr. Linet Purcell
Sandfields Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's Junior School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's 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
Tairgwaith Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Elinor Ervine
Tonnau Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Tywyn Primary School	01/04/2021	Re-appoint Cllr. E V Latham
YGG Blaendulais	01/04/2021	Re-appoint Mrs Gaynor Smith
YGG Castell-Nedd	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Pontardawe	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ynysfach Primary School	01/04/2021	Re-appoint Mrs. Gloria Felton
Ysgol Bae Baglan	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Bro Dur	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ysgol Hendrefelin	Immediate	Appoint Ms. Beryl Richards

BLAENDULAIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Cllr. Stephen Hunt
Mr. Gary James
Mr. Emyr Lewis

Term of office ends

31/03/2021
31/03/2021
31/08/2022

Recommendation

Re-appoint Cllr. Stephen Hunt
Re-appoint Mr. Gary James
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Stephen Hunt

Ward

Seven Sisters

School 1

Blaendulais Primary

School 2

YGG Blaendulais

Other Information

- i) Applications have been received from Cllr. Stephen Hunt and Mr. Gary James who wish 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>Appoint Mr. Andrew Addis-Fuller</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) An application has been received from Mr. Andrew Addis-Fuller who wishes to be considered for appointment.
- ii) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy

CREUNANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Mrs. Sarah Griffiths

Cllr. Sian Harris

Mrs. Margaret Davies

Term of office ends

31/03/2021

31/08/2021

31/03/2024

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mrs. Sarah Griffiths

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Sian Harris

Ward

Crynant

School 1

Creunant Primary

School 2

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Other Information

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

GNOLL PRIMARY SCHOOL (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Cllr Alan Lockyer

Mrs. Linda Rees

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

31/08/2024

30/04/2023

Recommendation

Appoint Cllr. Sandra Miller

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

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) An application has been received from Cllr. Sandra Miller who wishes to be considered for appointment
- ii) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

GODRE'RGRAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Cllr. Rosalyn Davies

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

31/08/2024

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Glenys Protheroe

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) An application has been received from Mrs. Glenys Protheroe who wishes to be considered for appointment.
- ii) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.

RHYDYFRO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Cllr. Linet Purcell
Mr. Vivian Thomas
Mr. John Davies

Term of office ends

31/03/2021
30/04/2022
31/08/2024

Recommendation

Re-appoint Cllr. Linet Purcell
N/A
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Anthony John Richards
Cllr. Linet Purcell

Ward

Pontardawe
Pontardawe

School 1

-
Cwmtawe Comprehensive

School 2

-
Rhydyfro Primary

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Linet Purcell who wishes to be considered for re-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

-

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 Rees

Ward

Neath South

Neath South

School 1

-

Cefn Saeson Comprehensive

School 2

-

Crynallt Primary

Other Information

- i) Mr. Robert Grant does not wish to be considered 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.

TAIRGWAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mr. Stephen Wadley

Term of office ends

N/A

31/03/2023

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs Elinor Ervine

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Arwyn Woolcock

Ward

Lower Brynamman

School 1

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School 2

-

Other Information

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

TONNAU PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. Leanne Jones

Mr. Robert Miller

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2021

31/03/2023

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Leanne Jones

Ward

Tonna

School 1

Melin Primary

School 2

Tonnau Primary

Other Information

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

TYWYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Cllr. E V Latham

Cllr. Matthew Crowley

Mrs. Hannah Mair Evans

Mr. William John O'Dwyer

Term of office ends

31/03/2021

31/12/2022

31/08/2023

31/12/2023

Recommendation

Re-appoint Cllr. E V Latham

N/A

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Matthew Crowley

Cllr. Edward V Latham

Cllr. Sean Pursey

Ward

Sandfields East

Sandfields East

Sandfields East

School 1

Awel Y Mor Primary

Tywyn Primary

Awel Y Mor Primary

School 2

Tywyn Primary

Ysgol Bae Baglan

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. E V Latham who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

YGG BLAENDULAIS

Current LA Representatives

Mrs. Gaynor Smith
Cllr. Stephen Hunt
Mr. Emyr Lewis

Term of office ends

31/03/2021
31/08/2024
31/08/2024

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mrs. Gaynor Smith
N/A
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Stephen Hunt

Ward

Seven Sisters

School 1

Blaendulais Primary

School 2

YGG Blaendulais

Other Information

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

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	YGG Castell Nedd	Gnoll Primary
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 PONTARDAWE (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>
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.

YNYSFACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Mrs Gloria Felton
Mrs. Catherine Chappell
Mr. Thomas Aylwin Jones

Term of office ends

31/03/2021
31/12/2023
31/08/2024

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mrs. Gloria Felton
N/A
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Dean Lewis

Ward

Resolven

School 1

-

School 2

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Gloria Felton who wishes to be considered for re-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>
Cllr. Christopher James	31/08/2021	N/A
Cllr. Oliver Davies	31/08/2021	N/A
Cllr. E V Latham	31/10/2024	N/A
Mr. Samuel 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) 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

Appoint Ms. Beryl Richards

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Wyndam Griffiths

Ward

Bryncoch North

School 1

Blaenhonddan Primary

School 2

Wauanceirch Primary

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Ms. Beryl Richards who wishes to be considered for appointment.