

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

18 March 2021

Report of the Head of Transformation – Andrew Thomas

Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVES

Wards Affected:

Aberavon, Blaengwrach, Coedffranc Central, Glynneath, Godre'rgraig,
Neath East, Neath North, Neath South, Pontardawe, Sandfields West,
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 Summer
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 18th March, 2021

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
Blaengwrach Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Yun Yun Herbert
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Cwmnedd Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Richard Knoyle
Gnoll Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Godre'rgraig Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Delyth Danaher
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	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's RC School & 6 th Form Centre	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Tonnau Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Castell-Nedd	Immediate	Appoint. Mr Christopher Shaw
YGG Pontardawe	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Rhos Afan	Immediate	Appoint. Mrs. Sarah-Louise Hockin
Ysgol Bae Baglan	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Bro Dur	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Gavin Thomas

BLAENGWRACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. Carolyn Edwards

Mrs. Sharon Davies

Term of office ends

N/A

31/12/2024

31/03/2023

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Yun Yun Herbert

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 Mrs. Yun Yun Herbert who wishes to be considered for 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>
Cllr. Arthur P H Davies	31/12/2022	N/A
Mr Stephen James	31/12/2022	N/A
Mr. Andrew Addis-Fuller	10/01/2025	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 nomination/application has been received for this vacancy

CWMNEDD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mrs. Janet Gregory

Mr. Edward Exley Jones

Term of office ends

N/A

30/04/2023

31/08/2024

Recommendation

Appoint Mr. Richard Knoyle

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Simon Knoyle

Cllr. Del Morgan

Ward

Glynneath

Glynneath

School 1

YGG Cwm Nedd

YGG Cwm Nedd

School 2

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mr. Richard Knoyle who wishes to be considered for 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>
Cllr Alan Lockyer	31/08/2024	N/A
Cllr. Sandra Miller	10/01/2025	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	Gnoll Primary	Melin Primary
Cllr. Sheila Penry	Neath East	Cefn Saeson	Melin Primary

Other Information

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

GODRE'RGRAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. Rosalyn Davies

Mrs. Glenys Protheroe

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2024

10/01/2025

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Delyth Danaher

N/A

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. Delyth Danaher who wishes to be considered for appointment.

SANDFIELDS 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>
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) (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives
Vacancy

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

ST. JOSEPH'S RC SCHOOL & 6TH FORM CENTRE (Deferred from last panel)

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.

TONNAU PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL (Deferred from last panel)

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.

YGG CASTELL NEDD (Deferred from last panel)

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Appoint Mr. Christopher Shaw</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) An application has been received from Mr. Christopher Shaw who wishes to be considered for appointment.

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.

YGG RHOS AFAN

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Appoint Mrs. Sarah-Louise Hockin</i>
Rev. Rhun ap Iwan	31/08/2022	N/A
Ms. Anna Phillips	31/12/2022	N/A
Mrs. Cathryn Davies	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) A vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Cllr. Nigel Hunt.
- ii) An application has been received from Mrs. Sarah-Louise Hockin who wishes to be considered for appointment.

YSGOL BAE BAGLAN (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. 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/applications have been received for these vacancies.

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>Appoint Mr. Gavin Thomas</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) An application has been received from Mr. Gavin Thomas who wishes to be considered for appointment.