

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board

2nd September 2021

Report of the Head of Participation – Chris Millis

Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVE

Ward Affected:

Neath South

Purpose of the Report

To appoint a LA governor representative to an existing vacancy

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, a Local Authority governor representative 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 Vacancy 2nd September, 2021

| School | Date of Vacancy | Proposal |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Crynallt Primary School | 01/09/2021 | Re-appoint Cllr. Peter Rees |

CRYNALLT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives
Cllr. Peter Rees

Term of office ends
31/08/2021

Recommendation
Re-appoint Cllr. Peter Rees

Local Member

Cllr. Adam McGrath
Cllr. John Warman

Ward

Cimla
Cimla

School 1

Crynallt Primary
Cefn Saeson Comprehensive

School 2

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Crynallt Primary

Other Information

i) An application was received from Cllr. Peter Rees, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment, for the attention of the July Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board. However, due to Cllr. Rees being a decision maker on that day, the decision was deferred until today.