

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board Special

25 November, 2021

Report of the Head of Participation – Chris Millis

Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVES

Ward Affected:

Aberavon, Baglan; Bryncoch South; Coedffranc Central; Crynant;
Cwmllynfell; Neath East; Neath South; Pontardawe; Sandfields East;
Sandfields West; Seven Sisters; Tonnau.

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 2021/22.

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 25th November, 2021

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
Awel Y Mor Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Cllr. Sean Pursey
Blaenbaglan Primary School	01/01/2022	Re-appoint Mr. Ian Rees
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Creunant Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Cwmafan Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Cwmtawe Comprehensive School	01/01/2022	Re- appoint Mr. Vivian Thomas
Gnoll Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Lesley Mathews
	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Llangiwg Primary School	01/01/2022	Re-appoint Mr. Justin Evans
Sandfields Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's Catholic Junior School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Leena Parel
Tonnau Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
		Future appointment to be made
Wauanceirch Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Stephanie Thomas
YGG Blaendulais	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Cwmllynfell	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Pontardawe	01/01/2022	Re- appoint Bethan Gill
YGG Rhosafan	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ysgol Bae Baglan	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
		Future appointment to be made

AWEL-Y-MOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Term of office ends

N/A

Recommendation

Appoint Cllr. Sean Pursey

Local Member

Cllr. Matthew Crowley

Cllr. E.V. Latham

Cllr. Sean Pursey

Ward

Sandfields East

Sandfields East

Sandfields East

School 1

Awel - Y- Mor

Ysgol Bae Baglan

Awel - Y- Mor

School 2

-

Tywyn

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Other Information

- I) An application has been received from Cllr. Sean Pursey, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

BLAENBAGLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Mr. Ian Rees

Cllr. Peter Richards

Cllr. Suzanne Renkes

Term of office ends

31/12/2021

31/08/2024

31/08/2025

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mr. Rees

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Carol Clement-Williams

Cllr. Peter Richards

Cllr. Suzanne Renkes

Ward

Baglan

Baglan

Baglan

School 1

Baglan

Baglan

Baglan

School 2

-

Blaenbaglan

Blaenbaglan

Other Information

- I) An application form has been received from Mr. Ian Rees, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment to the position of governor at this school with effect of 01/01/2022.

COEDFFRANC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr. Arthur 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.

CREUNANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Cllr. Sian Harris	31/08/2025	N/A
Mrs. Margaret Davies	31/03/2024	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Sian Harris	Crynant	Crynant	-

Other Information

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

CWMTAWE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Mr. Vivian Thomas</i>	31/12/2021	<i>Re-appoint Mr. Thomas</i>
Cllr. Linet Purcell	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr. William Thomas	31/12/2023	N/A
Mrs. Julie Mallinson	31/08/2024	N/A
Ms. Susanne Lewis	31/12/2024	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 Mr. Vivian Thomas, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment to the position of governor at this school with effect from 01/01/2022.

GNOLL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Cllr. Alan Lockyer

Cllr. Sandra Miller

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

31/08/2024

10/01/2025

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Lesley Mathews

N/A

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

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YGG Castell Nedd

Melin Primary

Other Information

- I) An application has been received from Mrs. Lesley Mathews, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

LLANGIWG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Mr. Justin Evans
Mr. Martin Naughton

Term of office ends

31/12/2021
31/12/2022

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mr. Justin Evans
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Linet Purcell
Cllr. Anthony John Richards

Ward

Pontardawe
Pontardawe

School 1

Cwmtawe Comprehensive
-

School 2

Rhydyfro
-

Other Information

- I) An application has been received from Mr. Justin Evans, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment to the position of governor at this school with effect from 01/01/2022.

SANDFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mrs. Suzanne Amos

Mrs. Susan Harvey

Mr. Ryan Macalino

Term of office ends

N/A

31/12/2022

30/04/2023

31/12/2023

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Scott Bamsey

Cllr. Nigel Hunt

Cllr. Stephanie Lynch

Ward

Aberavon

Aberavon

Aberavon

School 1

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

-

Sandfields Primary

School 2

-

-

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

Other Information

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

ST. JOSEPHS JUNIOR SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Term of office ends

N/A

Recommendation

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Scott Bamsey

Cllr. Nigel Hunt

Cllr. Stephanie Lynch

Ward

Aberavon

Aberavon

Aberavon

School 1

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

-

Sandfields Primary

School 2

-

-

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

Other Information

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

ST. JOSEPHS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Term of office ends

N/A

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Leena Parel

Local Member

Cllr. Peter Rees

Cllr. Jamie Evans

Ward

Neath South

Neath South

School 1

Crynallt Primary

YGG Castell Nedd

School 2

Cefn Saeson Comprehensive

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Other Information

- I) An application has been received from Mrs. Leena Parel, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

TONNAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Mr. Robert Miller

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

31/03/2023

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

Future appointment to be made

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Leanne Jones

Ward

Tonnau

School 1

Melin Primary

School 2

Cefn Saeson Comprehensive

Other Information

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

WAUNCEIRCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mrs. Catherine Archard

Mrs. Bethan Healey

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2022

31/08/2024

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Jo Hale

Cllr. Chris Williams

Ward

Bryncoch South -

Bryncoch South -

School 1

School 2

-

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Other Information

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

YGG BLAENDULAIS

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Term of office ends

N/A

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

Cllr. Stephen Hunt
Mrs. Gaynor Smith

31/08/2024
31/03/2025

N/A
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Steve Hunt

Ward

Seven Sisters

School 1

YGG Blaendulais

School 2

Blaendulais Primary

Other Information

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

YGG CWMLLYNFELL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. David Hugh Jones

Mr. Martin Caddell

Term of office ends

N/A

31/01/2022

31/03/2023

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Hugh Jones

Ward

Cwmllynfell

School 1

YGG Cwmllynfell

School 2

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Other Information

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

YGG PONTARDAWE

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
<i>Ms. Bethan Gill</i>	<i>31/12/2021</i>	<i>Re-appoint Ms. Bethan Gill</i>
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
Cllr. Anthony John Richards	Pontardawe	-	-

Other Information

- I) An application has been received from Ms. Bethan Gill, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment to the position of governor at this school with effect from 01/01/2022.

YGG RHOSAFAN

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Ms. Anna Phillips	31/12/2023	N/A
Mrs. Cathryn Davies	31/12/2023	N/A
Mrs. Sarah Hockin	31/03/2025	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 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>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr. E.V. Latham	31/10/2024	N/A
Cllr. Oliver Davies	31/08/2025	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

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