

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board**

(SPECIAL)

17 February, 2022

### **Report of the Head of Education Development – Chris Millis**

#### **Matter for Decision**

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR  
REPRESENTATIVES

#### **Ward Affected:**

Aberavon; Bryn and Cwmavon; Bryncoch South; Bryncoch North;  
Cadoxton; Cimla; Coedffranc Central; Crynant; Cwmllynfell; Neath East;  
Neath South; Pontardawe; Resolven; Rhos; 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 Summer  
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 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

<b>School</b>	<b>Date of Vacancy</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Blaenhonddan Primary School	30/04/2022	Re-appoint Mr. Andrew Collins
Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School	04/03/2022	Re-appoint Cllr. Mark Protheroe
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
Dwr y Felin Comprehensive School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Gnoll Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Llangatwg Comprehensive School	30/04/2022	Re-appoint Mr. Leighton Veale
Rhos Primary School	30/04/2022	Re-appoint Mrs. Sharon Atkins
Rhydyfro Primary School	30/04/2022	Re-appoint Mr. Vivian Thomas
Sandfields Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St Joseph's Catholic Infant 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. Gayle Davies
Tonnau Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
YGG Blaendulais	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Cwmllynfell	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Cathryn James Future appointment to be made
YGG Pontardawe	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Rhosafan	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ynysfach Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Scott Barnes
Ysgol Bae Baglan	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Mr. Joshua Fulcher Future appointment to be made

## BLAENHONDDAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Mr. Andrew Collins</i>	30/04/2022	<i>Re-appoint Mr. Andrew Collins</i>
Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths	31/12/2024	N/A
Mrs. Jenna Aplin	31/08/2022	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths	Bryncoch North	Blaenhonddan Primary	-

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

## CEFN SAESON COMPREHENSIVE

### Current LA Representatives

*Cllr. Mark Protheroe*  
Cllr. Sheila M. Penry  
Cllr. Peter A. Rees  
Cllr. John Warman  
Cllr. Leanne Jones

### Term of office ends

*04/03/2022*  
31/08/2024  
31/08/2024  
31/08/2024  
31/08/2025

### Recommendation

*Re-appoint Cllr. Mark Protheroe*  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Adam McGrath  
Cllr. John Warman

### Ward

Cimla  
Cimla

### School 1

Crynallt Primary  
Cefn Saeson

### School 2

-  
Crynallt Primary

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

## COEDFFRANC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Arthur Davies

Mr. Stephen James

Mr. Andrew Addis – Fuller

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/12/2022

31/12/2022

10/01/2025

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Angharad Aubrey

Cllr. Arthur P H Davies

### Ward

Coedffranc Central

Coedffranc Central

### School 1

-

Coedffranc Primary

### School 2

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### Other Information

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



## CREUNANT PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<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

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Sian Harris	Crynant	Crynant	-

### **Other Information**

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

## CWMAFAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Cllr. Rhidian Mizen	31/08/2025	N/A
Mrs. Anne Marie Curtis	31/01/2023	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. David Whitelock	Bryn and Cwmavon	Ysgol Cwm Brombil	-
Cllr. Rhidian Mizen	Bryn and Cwmavon	Cwmafan Primary	Ysgol Cwm Brombil
Cllr. Charlotte Galsworthy	Bryn and Cwmavon	-	-

### **Other Information**

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

## DWR-Y-FELIN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Mr. Andrew Wong	31/03/2023	N/A
Mr Campbell Coram	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr Keith Davies	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr Paul Winstone	31/08/2024	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Jo Hale	Bryncoch South	-	-
Cllr. Chris Williams	Bryncoch South	-	-

### **Other Information**

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

## GNOLL PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Cllr. Alan Lockyer	31/08/2024	N/A
Cllr. Sandra Miller	10/01/2025	N/A
Mrs. Lesley Mathews	30/11/2025	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
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**

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

## LLANGATWG COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Mr. Leighton Veale</i>	30/04/2022	<i>Re-appoint Mr. Leighton Veale</i>
Cllr. Dean Cawsey	31/08/2023	N/A
Cllr. Doreen Jones	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr. Christopher Cole	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr. Thomas Aylwin Jones	31/08/2024	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Annette Wingrave	Cadoxton	-	-

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

## RHOS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Mrs Sharon Atkins*

Cllr. Marcia Spooner

Miss Kristina Sheppard

### Term of office ends

30/04/2022

30/09/2024

30/09/2024

### Recommendation

*Re-appoint Mrs Sharon Atkins*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Marcia Spooner

### Ward

Rhos

### School 1

Rhos Primary

### School 2

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

## RHYDYFRO PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Mr Vivian Thomas*

Cllr. Linet Purcell

Mr. John Davies

### Term of office ends

30/04/2022

31/03/2025

31/08/2024

### Recommendation

*Re-appoint Mr. Vivian Thomas*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Linet Purcell

Cllr. Anthony Richards

### Ward

Pontardawe

Pontardawe

### School 1

Rhydyfro Primary

-

### School 2

Cwmtawe Comprehensive

-

- 1) An application has been received from Mr. Vivian Thomas who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

## 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

### School 2

-

-

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

### Other Information

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



## ST. JOSEPHS INFANT 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

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-

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

### Other Information

- l) 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

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-

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

### Other Information

II) 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. Gayle Davies*

### 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. Gayle Davies, 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.

## YGG BLAENDULAIS

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Stephen Hunt

Mrs. Gaynor Smith

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2024

31/03/2025

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

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*

*Vacancy*

Mr. Martin Caddell

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*N/A*

31/03/2023

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Appoint Mrs Cathryn James*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Hugh Jones

### Ward

Cwmllynfell

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- I) An application has been received from Mrs. Cathryn James, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- II) To date, no nomination/application has been received for the other vacancy.

## YGG PONTARDAWE

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Mrs. Sarah Gray	31/08/2023	N/A
Mr. David Williams	31/08/2024	N/A
Ms. Bethan Gill	09/01/2026	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Linet Purcell	Pontardawe	Cwmtawe Comprehensive	Rhydyfro Primary
Cllr. Anthony John Richards	Pontardawe	-	-

### Other Information

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

## YGG RHOSAFAN

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Mrs. Cathryn Davies	31/12/2023	N/A
Ms. Anna Phillips	31/12/2023	N/A
Mrs. Sarah Hockin	31/03/2025	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
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



## YNYSFACH PRIMARY

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Mrs. Catherine Chappell

Mr Aylwin Jones

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/12/2023

31/08/2024

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mr. Scott Barnes*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Dean Lewis

### Ward

Resolven

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

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

## YSGOL BAE BAGLAN

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Appoint Mr. Joshua Fulcher</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

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
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. Joshua Fulcher, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- II) To date, no nomination/application has been received for the other vacancy.