

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 17th February, 2022

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

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.

CWMAFAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

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

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

LLANGATWG COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

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- 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

-

-

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

-

-

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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

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

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

-

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

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>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

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) 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.