

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

(SPECIAL)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

#### **Matter for Decision**

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR  
REPRESENTATIVES

#### **Ward Affected:**

Aberavon; Baglan; Briton Ferry West; Bryncoch North; Bryncoch South; Coedffranc Central; Coedffranc West; Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters; Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera; Dyffryn; Glynneath Central and East; Margam and Taibach; Port Talbot; Neath North; Pontardawe; Resolven and Tonnau; Sandfields West.

#### **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 2022/2023.

#### **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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

<b>School</b>	<b>Date of Vacancy</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Abbey Primary School	31/08/2023 Immediate	Re-appoint Cllr. Mike Harvey Future appointment to be made
Baglan Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Blaenhonddan Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Paul Gwilliam
Central Primary School	31/08/2023 31/08/2023	Re-appoint Mr. Mike Thomas Re-appoint Mrs. Suzanne Amos
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Creunant Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Crymlyn Primary School	31/08/2023	Re-appoint Mr. Howard Davies
Cwmnedd Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Dwr-y-Felin Comprehensive	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Gemma Addis-Fuller
Eastern Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St. Joseph's Catholic Junior School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Jessica O'Callaghan
Tonnau Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
YGG Blaendulais	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Castell-Nedd	31/08/2023	Re-appoint Cllr. Alan Lockyer
YGG Cwmnedd	Immediate	Appoint Mr. David Trefor Jones
YGG Cwmllynfell	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Nia Cole-Jones
YGG Pontardawe	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YGG Rhosafan	Immediate Immediate	Members to decide
YGG Tyle'r Ynn	31/08/2023	Re-appoint Cllr. Helen Ceri Clarke
Ysgol Bae Baglan	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Roger Williams
Ysgol Maes y Coed	Immediate	Appoint Cllr. Nia Jenkins

## ABBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

*Cllr. Michael Harvey*

Mr. Victor James

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

*31/08/2023*

*31/08/2025*

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Re-appoint Cllr. Michael Harvey*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. James Henton

Cllr. Martyn Peters

### Ward

Dyffryn

Dyffryn

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) To date, no nomination/application has been received for this vacancy.
- ii) An application has been received from Cllr. Michael Harvey who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

## BAGLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Susanne Renkes

Cllr. Peter D Richards

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2025

31/08/2024

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Carol Clement-Williams

Cllr. Susanne Renkes

Cllr. Peter D Richards

### Ward

Baglan

Baglan

Baglan

### School 1

-

Baglan Primary

Baglan Primary

### School 2

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Blaenbaglan Primary

Blaenbaglan Primary

### Other Information

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

## BLAENHONDDAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths

Mr. Andrew Collins

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/12/2024

30/04/2026

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mr. Paul Gwilliam*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths

### Ward

Bryncoch North

### School 1

Blaenhonddan

### School 2

Wauanceirch

### Other Information

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



## CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Mrs. Suzanne Amos*  
*Mr. Michael Thomas*  
Mr. Gareth Freeguard

### Term of office ends

*31/08/2023*  
*31/08/2023*  
31/08/2026`

### Recommendation

*Re-appoint Mrs. Suzanne Amos*  
*Re-appoint Mr. Michael Thomas*  
N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Sharon Freeguard  
Cllr. Saifur Rahaman

### Ward

Port Talbot  
Port Talbot

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Suzanne Amos who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.
- ii) An application has been received from Mr. Michael Thomas who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

## COEDFFRANC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Nathan Goldup-John

Mr. Andrew Addis-Fuller

Mr. Stephen James

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2026

10/01/2025

31/12/2026

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Angharad Aubrey

Cllr. Nathan Goldup-John

### Ward

Coedffranc Central

Coedffranc Central

### School 1

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Coedffranc

### 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

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Sian Harris

Mrs. Margaret Davies

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2025

31/03/2024

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Sian Harris

Cllr. Steve Hunt

### Ward

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

### School 1

Creunant

Blaendulais

### School 2

-

YGG Blaendulais

### Other Information

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

## CRYMLYN PRIMARY

### Current LA Representatives

*Mr. Howard Jones*

Mrs. Alyson Jones

### Term of office ends

*31/08/2023*

31/08/2024

### Recommendation

*Re-appoint Mr. Howard Davies*

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Helen Ceri Clarke

Cllr. Cen Phillips

### Ward

Coedffranc West

Coedffranc West

### School 1

YGG Tyle'r Ynn

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### School 2

YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur

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### Other Information

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

## CWMNEDD PRIMARY SCHOOL

<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>
Mr. Eddie Jones	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr. Richard Knoyle	31/03/2025	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Simon Knoyle	Glynneath Central and East	-	-

### **Other Information**

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

## DWR-Y-FELIN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Mr Campbell Coram

Mr Keith Davies

Mr Paul Winstone

Mr. Andrew Wong

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2024

31/08/2024

31/08/2024

31/03/2027

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mrs. Gemma Addis-Fuller*

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Jo Hale

Cllr. Chris Williams

### Ward

Bryncoch South

Bryncoch South

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Gemma Addis-Fuller, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## EASTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

<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>
Cllr. Laura Williams	31/08/2026	N/A
Mr. Kenneth Tucker	31/01/2027	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Rob Jones	Margam and Taibach	Coed Hirwaun	Ysgol Cwm Brombil
Cllr. Dennis Keogh	Margam and Taibach	Ysgol Cwm Brombil	-
Cllr. Laura Williams	Margam and Taibach	Eastern	Ysgol Cwm Brombil

### Other Information

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

## ST. JOSEPHS CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

**Current LA Representatives**  
*Vacancy*

**Term of office ends**  
*N/A*

**Recommendation**  
*Appoint Mrs. Jessica O'Callaghan*

**Local Member**

Cllr. Andrew Dacey

Cllr. Stephanie Grimshaw

**Ward**

Aberavon

Aberavon

**School 1**

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

Sandfields

**School 2**

Sandfields

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

**Other Information**

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Jessica O'Callaghan, 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*

31/03/2027

### Recommendation

*Future appointment to be made*

*Future appointment to be made*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Leanne Jones

Cllr. Dean Lewis

### Ward

Resolven and Tonnau

Resolven and Tonnau

### School 1

Melin Primary

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### School 2

Cefn Saeson Comprehensive

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### 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

Cllr. Sian Harris

### Ward

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

### School 1

YGG Blaendulais

Creunant

### School 2

Blaendulais Primary

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### Other Information

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

## YGG CASTELL-NEDD

<b>Current LA Representatives</b>	<b>Term of office ends</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<i>Cllr. Alan Lockyer</i>	31/08/2023	<i>Re-appoint Cllr. Alan Lockyer</i>
Mr. John Miller	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr. Christopher Shaw	31/03/2025	N/A
Mr John Roger Williams	31/12/2026	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Alan Lockyer	Neath North	Gnoll	YGG Castell-nedd
Cllr. Andy Lodwig	Neath North	YGG Tregales	-

### Other Information

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

## YGG CWMNEDD

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. John Del Morgan

Mrs. Carolyn Edwards

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

31/08/2024

31/12/2024

### Recommendation

*Mr. David TREFOR Evans*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Simon Knoyle

### Ward

Glynneath Central and East

### School 1

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### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mr. David TREFOR Evans, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## YGG CWMLLYNFELL

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Cllr. Cathryn James

Cllr. Alun Llewelyn

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

21/02/2026

31/08/2026

### Recommendation

*Appoint Mrs. Nia Cole-Jones*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Cathryn James

Cllr. Alun Llewelyn

### Ward

Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera

Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera

### School 1

YGG Cwmllynfell

YG Ystalyfera Bro Dur

### School 2

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YGG Cwmllynfell

### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Nia Cole-Jones, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## 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>
Ms. Bethan Gill	09/01/2026	N/A
Mrs. Sarah Gray	31/08/2023	N/A
Mr. David Williams	31/08/2024	N/A

<b>Local Member</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>School 1</b>	<b>School 2</b>
Cllr. Heath Davies	Pontardawe	Cwmtawe	-
Cllr. Anthony 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>Members to decide.</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Members to decide.</i>
Mrs. Cathryn Davies	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) An application has been received from Mrs. Claire Abraham, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Mrs. Laura Hutchings, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- iii) An application has been received from Mrs. Lianne James, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## YGG TYLE'R YNN

### Current LA Representatives

*Cllr. Helen Ceri Clarke*

Cllr. Kirsty Morris

Mrs. Lisa Clement-Jones

### Term of office ends

*31/08/2023*

31/08/2026

31/08/2026

### Recommendation

*Re-Appoint Cllr. Helen Ceri Clarke*

N/A

N/A

### Local Member

Cllr. Kirsty Morris

### Ward

Briton Ferry West

### School 1

YGG Tyle'r Ynn

### School 2

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### Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Helen Ceri Clarke who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.



## 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>Appoint Mr. Roger Williams</i>
Cllr. Oliver Davies	31/08/2025	N/A
Cllr. E.V. Latham	31/10/2024	N/A
Mr. Eric Normand	31/08/2026	N/A
Dr Natalie Wint	29/06/2026	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. Roger Williams, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

## YSGOL MAES Y COED

### Current LA Representatives

*Vacancy*

Mrs. Claire Bateman

### Term of office ends

*N/A*

30/09/2024

### Recommendation

*Appoint Cllr. Nia Jenkins*

*N/A*

### Local Member

Cllr. Wyndham Griffiths

### Ward

Bryncoch North

### School 1

Blaenhonddan

### School 2

Waunceirch

### Other Information

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