

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

(SPECIAL)

Thursday 16th 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 16th March 2023

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
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

-

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

Waunceirch

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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

-

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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
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

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Ms. Bethan Gill

Mrs. Sarah Gray

Mr. David Williams

Term of office ends

N/A

09/01/2026

31/08/2023

31/08/2024

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Heath Davies

Cllr. Anthony Richards

Ward

Pontardawe

Pontardawe

School 1

Cwmtawe

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School 2

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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>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

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 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

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<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

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. 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.