

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

(SPECIAL)

Tuesday 18th July 2023

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

Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVES

Ward Affected:

Aberavon; Aberdulais; Alltwen; Baglan; Cadoxton; Coedffranc Central; Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters; Cymer and Glyncoerwg; Dyffryn; Glynneath Central and East; Gwynfi and Croeserw; Margam and Taibach; Pontardawe; Resolven and Tonnau; Sandfields East; 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 Autumn Term 2023/24

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 18th July 2023

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
Abbey Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Joseph Baugh
Alltwn Primary School	Immediate 31/12/2023	Appoint Rev. Jeffrey Thomas Re-appoint Miss Helen Watkin
Baglan Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Catwg Primary School	31/12/2023	Re-appoint Mrs. Susan Margaret Davies
Cilffriw Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Coed Hirwaun Primary School	31/12/2023	Re-appoint Cllr. Rob Jones
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Creunant Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Cwmnedd Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Kathy Parry-Jones
Cwmtawe Community School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Eastern Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Sandfields Primary School	31/12/2023	Re-appoint Mr. Almon Ryan Macalino
The Federated Primary Schools of the Upper Afan Valley	Immediate 09/09/2023 09/09/2023 09/09/2023	Appoint Cllr. Jeff Jones Re-appoint Cllr. Scott Jones Re-appoint Mrs. Nicola Davies Re-appoint Mrs. Barbara Trahar
Tonnau Primary School	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Samantha Owen Appoint Mrs. Lyndsey Sweeney
Tywyn	Immediate 31/12/2023	Appoint Mrs. Mary O'Kane Re-appoint Mr. John O'Dwyer
YG Blaendulais	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YG Pontardawe	Immediate Immediate Immediate	Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made Future appointment to be made
YG Rhosafan	31/12/2023	Re-appoint Mrs. Cathryn Davies
YG Tregeles	Immediate Immediate	Appoint Cllr. Dan Thomas Future appointment to be made
Ynysfach	31/12/2023	Re-appoint Mrs. Catherine Chappell

ABBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. Michael Harvey

Mr. Victor James

Term of office ends

Immediate

31/08/2027

31/08/2025

Recommendation

Appoint Mr. Joseph Baugh

N/A

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

ALLTWEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy
Miss Helen Watkins
Cllr. Nia Jenkins

Term of office ends

N/A
31/12/2023
31/08/2026

Recommendation

Appoint Rev. Jeffrey Thomas
Re-appoint Miss Helen Watkins
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Nia Jenkins

Ward

Alltwen

School 1

Alltwen

School 2

Ysgol Maes-y-Coed

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Rev. Jeffrey Thomas, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Miss Helen Watkins, 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

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Baglan Primary

Baglan Primary

School 2

-

Blaenbaglan Primary

Blaenbaglan Primary

Other Information

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

CATWG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Mrs Susan Davies
Cllr. Philip Rogers
Mrs. Reanne Lee

Term of office ends

31/12/2023
31/12/2026
31/08/2024

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mrs. Susan Davies
N/A
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Philip Rogers

Ward

Cadoxton

School 1

Llangatwg

School 2

Catwg

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Susan Davies, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

CILFFRIW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mrs. Doreen Jones

Mr. Robert Andrew Richards

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2024

31/03/2024

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Caroline Lewis

Ward

Aberdulais

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.

COED HIRWAUN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Cllr. Rob Jones
Mrs. Beverley Bolton
Mr. Kenneth Robbins

Term of office ends

31/12/2023
30/04/2027
30/04/2027

Recommendation

Re-appoint Cllr. Rob Jones
N/A
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Rob Jones
Cllr. Dennis Keogh
Cllr. Laura Williams

Ward

Margam and Taibach
Margam and Taibach
Margam and Taibach

School 1

Coed Hirwaun
Ysgol Cwm Brombil
Eastern

School 2

Ysgol Cwm Brombil
-
Ysgol Cwm Brombil

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Rob Jones, 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

YGG Blaendulais

School 2

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Blaendulais

Other Information

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

CWMNEDD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mr. Edward Jones

Mr. Richard Knoyle

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2024

31/03/2025

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Kathy Parry-Jones

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 Mrs. Kathy Parry-Jones, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

CWMTAWE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Future appointment to be made</i>
Cllr. Heath Davies	31/08/2026	N/A
Mrs. Susanne Lewis	31/12/2024	N/A
Mrs. Julie Mallinson	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr. Vivian Thomas	31/12/2025	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Heath Davies	Pontardawe	Cwmtawe	-
Cllr. Anthony John Richards	Pontardawe	-	-

Other Information

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

EASTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. Laura Williams

Mr. Kenneth Tucker

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2026

31/03/2027

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Rob Jones

Cllr. Dennis Keogh

Cllr. Laura Williams

Ward

Margam and Taibach

Margam and Taibach

Margam and Taibach

School 1

Coed Hirwaun

Ysgol Cwm Brombil

Eastern

School 2

Ysgol Cwm Brombil

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Ysgol Cwm Brombil

Other Information

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

SANDFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Mr. Almon Ryan Macalino

Cllr. Andrew Dacey

Mrs Suzanne Amos

Mrs. Susan Harvey

Term of office ends

31/12/2023

26/09/2026

31/12/2026

30/04/2027

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mr. Almon Ryan Macalino

N/A

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Andrew Dacey

Cllr. Stephanie Grimshaw

Ward

Aberavon

Aberavon

School 1

Sandfields

Sandfields

School 2

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

St. Joseph's Comprehensive

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mr. Almon Ryan Macalino, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

THE FEDERATED PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE UPPER AFAN VALLEY

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Appoint Cllr. Jeff Jones</i>
<i>Cllr. Scott Jones</i>	<i>09/09/2023</i>	<i>Re-appoint Cllr. Scott Jones</i>
<i>Mrs. Nicola Davies</i>	<i>09/09/2023</i>	<i>Re-appoint Mrs. Nicola Davies</i>
<i>Mrs. Barbara Trahar</i>	<i>09/09/2023</i>	<i>Re-appoint Mrs. Barbara Trehar</i>

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Scott Jones	Gwynfi and Croeserw	The Federated Primary Schools of the UAV	-
Cllr. Jeff Jones	Cymer and Glyncorrwg	-	-

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Cllr. Jeff Jones, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Mr. Rod McIntyre, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- iii) An application has been received from Cllr. Scott Jones, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.
- iv) An application has been received from Mrs. Nicola Davies, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.
- v) An application has been received from Mrs. Barbara Trehar, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

TONNAU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Mr. Robert Miller

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

31/03/2027

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Samantha Owen

Appoint Mrs. Lyndsey Sweeney

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) An application has been received from Mrs. Samantha Owen, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Mrs. Lyndsey Sweeney, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

TYWYN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Mr. John O'Dwyer

Cllr. Matthew Crowley

Cllr. E. V. Latham

Term of office ends

N/A

31/12/2023

31/12/2026

31/03/2025

Recommendation

Appoint Mrs. Mary O'Kane

Re-appoint Mr. John O'Dwyer

N/A

N/A

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 Môr

School 2

Tywyn

Tywyn

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Mary O'Kane, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Mr. John O'Dwyer, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

YG 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

YG Blaendulais

Creunant

School 2

Blaendulais Primary

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Other Information

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

YG PONTARDAWE

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Vacancy

Mr. David Williams

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

N/A

31/08/2024

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

Future appointment to be made

Future appointment to be made

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 these vacancies.

YG RHOSAFAN

Current LA Representatives

Mrs. Cathryn Davies
Mrs. Claire Abraham
Mrs. Sarah Hockin
Mrs. Laura Hutchings

Term of office ends

31/12/2023
16/04/2027
31/03/2025
16/04/2027

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mrs. Cathryn Davies
N/A
N/A
N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Oliver Davies
Cllr. Suzanne Paddison
Cllr. Robert Wood

Ward

Sandfields West
Sandfields West
Sandfields West

School 1

Ysgol Bae Baglan
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Ysgol Bae Baglan

School 2

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Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs. Cathryn Davies, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.

YG TREGALES

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Cllr. Andy Lodwig

Term of office ends

Immediate

Immediate

28/02/2027

Recommendation

Appoint Cllr. Dan Thomas

Future appointment to be made

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

YNYSFACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Mrs. Catherine Chappell

Mr. Scott Barnes

Mr. Thomas Alwyn Jones

Term of office ends

31/12/2023

21/02/2026

31/08/2024

Recommendation

Re-appoint Mrs. Catherine Chappell

N/A

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) An application has been received from Mrs. Catherine Chappell, who wishes to be considered for re-appointment.