

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

(SPECIAL)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

<b>School</b>	<b>Date of Vacancy</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
Abbey Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Joseph Baugh
Alltwen 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

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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  
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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

<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. 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

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

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

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