

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

(SPECIAL)

Thursday 23rd November 2023

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

Matter for Decision

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF LA GOVERNOR
REPRESENTATIVES

Ward Affected:

Aberdulais; Baglan; Coedffranc Central; Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters; Dyffryn; Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynamman; Margam and Taibach; Pontardawe;

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 Spring 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 23rd November 2023

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
Abbey Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Cllr. James Henton
Baglan Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Dr Margarita Shalders
Cilffriw Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Cilffriw Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Creunant Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Kirsty Williams Ambrose
Cwmtawe Community School	Immediate	Members to decide
Eastern Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Revd. Ben Andrews
Llangatwg Community School	Immediate	Appoint Mr Elliot Pittom
Tairgwaith	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YG Blaendulais	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
YG Pontardawe	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Rhianydd Williams
YG Pontardawe	Immediate	Appoint Mr. Ben Williamson
YG Pontardawe	Immediate	Appoint Mrs. Heather Rees

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 Cllr. James Henton

N/A

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. James Henton

Cllr. Martyn Peters

Ward

Dyffryn

Dyffryn

School 1

YG Tregeles

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School 2

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Other Information

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

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

Appoint Dr Margarita Shalders

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) An application has been received from Dr Margarita Shalders, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

CILFFRIW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Vacancy

Mr. Robert Andrew Richards

Term of office ends

N/A

N/A

31/03/2024

Recommendation

Future appointment to be made

Future appointment to be made

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 these vacancies.

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

Appoint Mrs. Kirsty Williams-Ambrose

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

- i) An application has been received from Mrs Kirsty Williams-Ambrose, 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>Members to decide</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) An application has been received from Mrs Michelle Parfitt, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Mrs Laura Tams, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- iii) An application has been received from Mr Christopher Truscott, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

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

Appoint Revd. Ben Andrews

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 Revd. Ben Andrews, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.

LLANGATWG COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Appoint Mr Elliot Pittom</i>
Cllr. Phillip Rogers	31/08/2026	N/A
Mr Christopher Cole	31/08/2026	N/A
Mr Thomas Alwyn Jones	31/08/2024	N/A
Mr Leighton Veale	30/04/2026	N/A

Local Member	Ward	School 1	School 2
Cllr. Caroline Lewis	Aberdulais	-	-

Other Information

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

TAIRGWAITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Current LA Representatives

Vacancy

Cllr. Sarah Thomas

Term of office ends

N/A

31/08/2026

Recommendation

Appoint Mr Elliot Pittom

N/A

Local Member

Cllr. Sarah Thomas

Cllr. Sonia Reynolds

Ward

Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynaman

Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen and Lower Brynaman

School 1

Tairgwaith

YGG Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen

School 2

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Other Information

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

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

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

YG PONTARDAWE

Current LA Representatives	Term of office ends	Recommendation
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Appoint Mrs Heather Rees</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Appoint Mrs Rhianydd Williams</i>
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Appoint Mr Ben Williamson</i>
Mr. David Williams	31/08/2024	N/A

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

Other Information

- i) An application has been received from Mrs Heather Rees, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- ii) An application has been received from Mrs Rhianydd Williams, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.
- iii) An application has been received from Mr Ben Williamson, who wishes to be considered for appointment to the position of governor at this school.