

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS ADVISORY PANEL

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 11th October, 2023.

Present: Councillor R.M. Birch (Chair, Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language); Councillors A. Asbrey, N. Marshallsea, S. Campbell, W.A. Hennessy and P. Drake (substitution for Councillor M. Wilkinson).

Also present: M. Gibbs (Vale School Governors Association) and Councillor G. Bruce (substitution for Councillor W.A. Hennessy during his application being discussed).

(a) Apologies for absence

This was received from Councillor M. Wilkinson.

(b) Declarations of Interest –

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared an interest in agenda item 4, with regards to the school for which they had submitted an application. Councillor Hennessy left the meeting when the relevant school vacancy was considered, with Councillor G. Bruce substituting for this period of the meeting.

(c) Guidance Regarding the Appointment Process –

The Head of Governor Support provided the panel with an overview in respect of the Guidance regarding the appointment process detailed at Agenda Item No. 2 advising that Appendix 1 provided a list of vacancies, Appendix 2 was the Policy for the Appointment of Local Authority Governors, whilst Appendix 3 detailed the advertisement for Local Authority Governors.

The Head of Governor Support subsequently advised that St. Illtyd Primary was the only school that had received no applications. The Officer reminded the Panel that although there were instances where an applicant had been named against three schools, two remained the maximum number that one person could be appointed to as a Governor.

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Guidance in respect of the process be noted.

Reason for recommendation

In noting the Guidance for the appointment process.

(d) Exclusion of Press and Public –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

(e) Applications for Appointment for Current Local Authority Governor Vacancies (Exempt Information – Paragraph 12) –

The Head of Governor Support advised that in addition to those listed in the agenda papers, the applicant H. Evans could also be considered for appointment at Evenlode Primary School.

During consideration of the applications, where applicants had been unsuccessful, it was suggested that they may wish to undertake observation work of a Governing Body, with a view to re-applying in future.

Following full consideration of the applications it was subsequently

RECOMMENDED – To Cabinet

(1) T H A T the following appointments be made to the schools as set out below:

School	No. of Vacancies	Appointment
Albert Primary	1	Dr. M. Chorley
Barry Island Primary	2	J. Webb C. Witchard
Cadoxton Primary	1	J. Comrie
Colcot Primary	1	Reverend M. Holmes
Evenlode Primary	3	A. Williams-Brunt H. Evans 1 vacancy to be deferred to a future meeting.
Fairfield Primary	2	Dr. M. Chorley J. Griffiths
Gladstone Primary	1	H. Evans
Gwenfo C/W Primary	1	D. Oliver
High Street Primary	1	L. Wright
Jenner Park Primary	2	Councillor B. Brooks M. Petherick
Llandough Primary	2	D. Andrews A. Hodge
Llanfair Primary	2	S. Trigg 1 vacancy to be deferred to a future meeting.
Llangan Primary	1	L. Brookes

Llantwit Major	1	J. Roberts
Oak Field Primary	3	M. Kerbey L. Wright 1 vacancy to be deferred to a future meeting.
Palmerston Primary	1	H. Rahman
Pendoylan C/W Primary	1	R. Davies
St. Athan Primary	1	Councillor J. Lynch-Wilson
St. David's C/W Primary	1	J. Duxbury
St. Helen's R/C Primary	1	Councillor W. Hennessy
St. Illtyd Primary	1	J. Roberts*
St. Joseph's R/C Primary	1	J. Griffiths
Stanwell	2	A. Williams-Brunt D. Luxton
Sully Primary	1	Councillor W. Gilligan
Victoria Primary	1	M. Petherick
Whitmore High	1	R. Foster
Wick and Marcross C/W Primary	1	J. Hayward
Ysgol Iolo Morganwg	2	E. McKavanagh S. Vaughan-Jones
Ysgol St. Curig	1	L. Mack
Ysgol Y Ddraig	3	J. Durrant R. Lloyd-James D. Thomas

*Subject to the Governor Support Officer contacting the applicant to ascertain if they would agree to be a Governor of two schools.

Reason for decision

(1) To allow Cabinet to consider and agree appointments to the above schools' Governing Bodies, having regard to the applications received, the recommendations of the Panel, and in order that vacancies can be advertised as appropriate.

N.B. – Councillors R. M. Birch, P. Drake and N. Marshallsea left the meeting for the consideration of the applications for Victoria Primary School, Gladstone Primary School and High Street Primary School, for which they were Governors. Councillor W. Hennessy was appointed as Chair whilst applications for Victoria Primary School were considered.