

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS ADVISORY PANEL

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 11th June, 2025.

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.

Also present: J. Griffiths (Vale School Governors Association).

(a) Apology for absence

This was received from Councillor M.R. Wilkinson.

(b) Declarations of Interest –

Councillor A. Asbrey declared an interest in Agenda Item 4, being Governor at Dinas Powys Primary School.

Councillor R. Birch declared an interest in Agenda Item 4, being Governor at Victoria Primary School and having knowledge of an applicant for Fairfield Primary School.

Jackie Griffiths declared an interest in Agenda Item 4, having knowledge of applicants for Llandough Primary School, Sully Primary School and Ysgol Y Deri.

All Councillors and Mrs. Griffiths left the meeting when the above schools' applications were being considered.

(c) Guidance Regarding the Appointment Process –

As the Policy for the Appointment of LA School Governors was included within the agenda papers at Appendix 2, and Panel Members confirmed they did not require further advice regarding the process from Officers during the meeting, it was subsequently:

RESOLVED – 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 Officer from the Governor’s Support Unit advised that a late application had been received for Holton Road Primary School. The Officer also offered further advice to the Panel regarding applications, where requested.

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	H. Southam
All Saints CiW Primary	1	None – remains vacant currently.
Barry Island Primary	1	J. Evans
Cadoxton Primary	1	W. Thomas
Cogan Primary	1	P. Salt
Colcot Primary	1	Cllr. M. Wilkinson
Cowbridge School	1	K. Kennedy
Dinas Powys Primary	2	G. Watkins E. Williams
Fairfield Primary	2	Cllr. M. Wilson S. Saif
Gladstone Primary	1	J. Evans
Holton Primary	1	M. Booker-Southard
Llandough Primary	2	L. Misra M. Stanyard Jones
Llantwit Major School	2	D. Mulvey M. Jones
Pencoedtre and Whitmore High Schools – New Federated Governing Body	4	M. Griffiths C. Tyley M. Dacey Cllr. E. Goodjohn
Peterston Super Ely CiW Primary	1	L. Cross
Romilly Primary	1	S. Williams
South Point Primary	2	G. Kemp J. Davies
St Brides Major CiW Primary	1	L. Sibieta
St Richard Gwyn Comprehensive	1	S. Harries

Sully Primary	1	M. Sullivan
Victoria Primary	1	Cllr. M. Wilson
Y Bont Faen Primary	1	C. Thomas
Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morganwg	1	Cllr. Steffan William
Ysgol Dewi Sant	1	M. Narusberg
Ysgol Sant Curig	1	C. Dechamps
Ysgol Gwaun y Nant	1	K. Williams
Ysgol y Deri	2	K. Pile R. Whittle

(2) T H A T Vale of Glamorgan Councillors representing wards in Barry be considered for the vacant position at All Saints CiW Primary School, with the Panel then being consulted for their approval of applicants identified.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) With the aim of appointing to this position in a timely manner, and to avoid a prolonged period of vacancy.