

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS ADVISORY PANEL

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 3rd June, 2026.

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

(a) Apology for Absence –

This was received from J. Griffiths (Vale School Governors Association).

(b) Declarations of Interest –

Councillor R. Birch declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 – Applications for Appointment for Current Local Authority Governors' Vacancies, being a Governor at Victoria Primary School and left the meeting when the above school's applications were being considered.

Councillor N. Marshallsea declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 – Applications for Appointment for Current Local Authority Governors' Vacancies, as a relative worked at Wenvoe Primary School, and that a family member attended Ysgol Sant Baruc.

Councillor S. Campbell declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4 – Applications for Appointment for Current Local Authority Governors' Vacancies, as a family member attended Ysgol Sant Baruc.

(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 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	2	Michael Fox Lindsay Lewis
All Saints CiW Primary	1	Jade Harrison
Cowbridge School	1	James Mordecai
Gwenfo Primary	1	Laura Williams
Jenner Park Primary	2	Sarah Cutting Alice Baynham**
Llangan Primary	2	Phil Kettley Victoria Parry*
Llantwit Major High School	1	Huw James Powell
Oakfield Primary School	1	Amber Condy
Palmerston Primary	1	Rachel Nugent Finn
Romilly Primary School	1	Keith Bates
St Richard Gwyn	1	Barbara Connell*
Victoria Primary	1	Nicola Williams
Y Bont Faen	1	Victoria Parry**
Ysgol Dewi Sant	1	David Powell
Ysgol Y Ddraig	1	David Powell
Ysgol Y Deri	2	Tim Exell Ceri Hill

*Subject to applicant agreement (**Bold** denotes applicant is in agreement)

** Updated following panel (Strikethrough denotes applicant does not wish to be appointed for the vacancy)

(2) T H A T Vale of Glamorgan Councillors who are Welsh speakers be considered for the vacant positions at Ysgol Sant Baruc and Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg, 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 these positions in a timely manner and to avoid a prolonged period of vacancy.