

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN

FRIDAY, 23 March 2018

PRESENT: Councillor: G. Davies (Executive Board Member).

The following officer was in attendance:

G. Morgan, Head of Democratic Services

Regeneration Meeting Room, County Hall, Carmarthen - 9.30 - 9.40 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. APPOINTMENT OF L.A. GOVERNORS

The Executive Board Member considered applications received for L.A. Governor vacancies within the county. It was noted that nominations had been invited from the Chairperson, Head teacher and Local Member(s) in the case of Primary Schools/ the Member(s) who were governors in the case of Secondary Schools.

It was also noted that L.A. Governors were appointed for 4 years and where the vacancy occurred as a result of an individual's term of office coming to an end this was noted in the details for that particular person if he/she was seeking appointment.

RESOLVED that, in order to meet statutory obligations of filling vacancies on Governing Bodies and having considered the application received, the following appointments be made to vacancies for LA Governors:-

Primary School	Appointments
Bancffosfelen (2 Vacancies – 1 Nomination)	Mr E. Bowen
Ferryside (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Councillor Mair Stephens
Laugharne (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Mr R. Thomas
Llanmiloe (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Mrs G. Cole
Llys Howell (2 Vacancies – 2 Nominations)	Miss M. James Miss S. Thomas

Meidrim (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Mrs A. Adams-Jones
Penygroes (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Mrs R.C. Mann
Swiss Valley (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Mr M. Christopher
Y Castell (2 Vacancies – 1 Nomination)	Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey

3. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing proposed school term and holiday dates for the 2019/20 academic year. It was reported that Welsh Ministers had used the Education (Wales) Act 2014 to make legislative changes to how term dates were set out in order to enable harmonisation of school term dates for all maintained schools.

These changes meant that local authorities and the governing bodies of voluntary aided and foundation schools were required to work together to ensure that terms dates were the same or as similar as possible. Schools could also be directed by Welsh Ministers on what their terms dates should be, if those dates were not harmonised, or required changing.

Having regard to the Act's requirements, the following proposed school terms and holiday dates had been prepared in discussion and general consultation with neighbouring authorities:-

Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 2 nd Sept 2019	Mon 28 th Oct 2019	Fri 1 st Nov 2019	Nov	Fri 20 th Dec 2019
Spring	Mon 6 th Jan 2020	Mon 17 th Feb 2020	Fri 21 st Feb 2020	Feb	Fri 3 rd April 2020
Summer	Mon 20 th Apr 2020	Mon 25 th May 2020	Fri 29 th May 2020	May	Mon 20 th July 2020

Easter Sunday – Sunday 12th April 2020; ; May Day – Monday 4th May 2020

The Executive Board Member was advised that the notifications exercise in the summer of last year brought about near total harmonisation of term dates, and the Minister decided not to use her discretionary powers to harmonise dates and therefore there was no need for consultation,. Nevertheless, it is expected that all local authorities finalise the dates they had provisionally set for 2019/20 which were the same throughout Wales.

RESOLVED that the School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2019/20 Academic Year be approved.

4. DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED that the Decision Record of the meeting held on the 25th January 2018 be signed as a correct record.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE