

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN

MONDAY, 17 September 2018

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

The following officers were in attendance:

S. Davies, Head of Access to Education

K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Regeneration Meeting Room, County Hall, Carmarthen - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP.- 1.30 - 1.35 pm

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME (MEP) SCHOOL ORGANISATION DECISION MAKING AND DETERMINATION PROCESS

The Executive Board Member considered a report on proposals to amend the Council's School Organisation Decision Making and Determination Process in light of the Welsh Government's expected publication of a new School Organisation Code.

It was reported that the Council's current school re-organisation policy involved a 3 stage process whereby the Executive Board had delegated authority to approve both Stage 1 (Permission to consult) and Stage 2 (Permission to Notice) respectively, with the Council approving Stage 3 (Permission to implement). The revised proposal, if adopted, would allow for the introduction of a fourth stage, Stage 0 (as depicted in the illustrative flow chart appended to the report). That would commence with a scoping and information gathering exercise being undertaken on the school(s) under review. Once completed, a School Review Report would be presented to the Education and Children's Services Departmental Management Team (DMT) to determine whether to engage with stakeholders. If the DMT refused permission, the proposal would end at that stage. However, if permission were to be granted officers would then engage with the relevant local member(s) Head teacher(s) and Chair of Governing Bodies (and any possible affected school) on appropriate options for the school(s) under review. The results of that informal engagement would then be documented in a Proposal Report containing a preferred option and stakeholder engagement feedback for submission to the Executive Board for permission to consult (Stage 1).

It was believed the inclusion of Stage 0 would result in a more open and transparent system, as required by the Welsh Government, and would demonstrate the Authority had considered all possible options for the school(s) under review without presuming closure.

RESOLVED that the amended process of progressing strategic reviews and statutory proposals, as detailed in the illustrative flow chart appended to the report, be adopted.

3. 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
Bancyfelin (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Cllr. J. Tustin
Carwe/Gwynfryn/Ponthenri (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Mr T. Jones
Stebonheath (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Mrs L. Trinkwon
Y Fro (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination)	Mr I. Jones
Special School	Appointments
Heol Goffa (1 Vacancy – 1 Nomination from 21/11/18)	Ms W. Evans

4. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH JULY, 2018

RESOLVED that the Decision Record of the meeting held on the 5th July, 2018 be signed as a correct record.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE