

FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND WELSH LANGUAGE

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & WELSH LANGUAGE** WHICH WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY, AT **10.00 AM, ON FRIDAY, 12TH MAY, 2023** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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A G E N D A

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Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.

FRIDAY, 24 March 2023

PRESENT: Councillor: G. Davies (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

T. Neumayer-James, Principal School Governance Officer

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 9.00 am - 9.10 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 24TH JANUARY 2023

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 24th January 2023 be signed as a correct record.

3. APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNORS

The Cabinet Member considered applications received for Local Authority 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 Local Authority Governors are appointed for 4 years and where the vacancy has 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.

The Principal School Governance Officer reported that all County Councillors, when elected, may stipulate on which school governing bodies they will sit and their decision will take preference over 'non-elected' LA Governors. Consequently, County Councillors may nominate to serve as LA Governors on a school that does not currently have a vacant post. In the event of the governorship becoming oversubscribed, the Council may stipulate which LA Governor must then stand down.

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

Primary School	Appointments
Blaenau (1 x vacancy - 1 nomination)	Mrs D Fisher-Edwards
Carwe-Gwynfryn-Ponthenri Federation (1 x vacancy - 1 nomination)	Cllr. M. James

Cwrt Henri, Ffairfach and Talley Federation (2 x vacancies - 1 nomination)	Cllr. F. Walters
Griffith Jones (1 x vacancy from 1.4.23 - 1 nomination)	Mr. T. John
Hendy (1 x vacancy from 1.4.23 - 1 nomination)	Mrs. K. Taylor
Old Road (2 x vacancies - 2 nominations)	Cllr. A. Leyshon Rev. G. Hays
Parcyrhun (1 x vacancy - 1 nomination)	Mrs. E. Jones
Peniel (1 x vacancy - 1 nomination)	Mr. W. Evans
Pentip (2 x vacancies - 1 nomination)	Mr. W.G. Thomas
Penygaer (1 x vacancy - 1 nomination)	Cllr. R. James
Pontyates (1 x vacancy - 1 nomination)	Mrs. L.M. Cave
Teilo Sant (2 x vacancies - 1 nomination)	Mr. E. Davies

CABINET MEMBER

DATE

12 MAY 2023

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Glynog Davies	Education, Young People & the Welsh Language

APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNORS

Recommendations / key decisions required:

That the Cabinet Member makes appointments to the listed vacancies.

Reasons:

To meet statutory obligations of filling vacancies on Governing Bodies.

Directorate: Name of Head of Service: Gareth Morgans Report Author: Tanja Neumayer-James	Designation: Director – Dept for Education & Children Principal School Governance Officer	Tel No. 01267 246450 (Gareth Morgans) 01267 246448 E Mail Address: edgmorgans@cararthenshire.gov.uk TNeumayer-James@cararthenshire.gov.uk
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

CABINET MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

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APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNORS	
BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT	
In accordance with the LA appointment policy for LA Governors, vacancies exist in certain schools and schedules of nomination for these vacancies are attached. Nominations were invited from Chairperson, Headteacher and Local Member(s) in the case of Primary Schools / the Member(s) who is/are governors of that school in the case of Secondary Schools.	
LA Governors are appointed for 4 years and where the vacancy occurs as a result of an individual's term of office coming to an end, this is noted in the details for that particular person if he/she is seeking appointment.	
DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :						
Signed:		Gareth Morgans				
		Director – Department for Education & Children				
Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below	
Signed:	
Gareth Morgans	
Director – Department for Education & Children	
1. Scrutiny Committee - n/a	
2. Local Member(s) Relevant Local Members have been notified of received nominations and invited to submit additional nominations.	
3. Community / Town Council – n/a	
4. Relevant Partners – n/a	
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – n/a	

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
THERE ARE NONE.

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APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNORS

List for Consideration

12th May 2023

PRIMARY SCHOOL	NO. OF VACANCIES	NOMINATIONS NAME AND ADDRESS	NOMINATED BY	DETAILS
<p>Please note: CCC's 'The Appointment of LA Governors' states that, 'All County Councillors [when elected] may stipulate on which school governing bodies they will sit, and their decision will take preference over 'non-elected' LA governors'.</p>				
Beca – Bro Brynach Federation	1	Mr O Young	Dr Erica Thompson, Chairperson	<p>'Mr Young is being nominated as an LA Governor. In this role he will be able to act as a representative of Llanboidy Community Council, of which he has been a member for several years and is the current chairman. Having lived in the area for 30 years, he was previously a school governor when his children attended the local schools and played an instrumental part in setting up the new Bro Brynach school.'</p>
Dafen	1	Mr G Edwards	Mrs Michelle Davies, Headteacher	<p>'Mr. Edwards has the knowledge and understanding to fulfil his role effectively as a Chair to the Governing Body and to support the school in raising standards. He is competent in the understanding of national and local education issues and their impact on the governing body. He develops confidence to enable all governors to take a full and active part in the role of the governing body.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards understands that the governing body has a role to play with regards to both improvement and accountability. As part of self-evaluation and improvement, through an understanding of data and other information about the school. Together with the SLT, aims and objectives are agreed upon for the school, to be delivered through its school improvement plan.'</p>

				Mrs Davies is seeking Mr Edwards' re-appointment.
Llanedi	1 From 25 th Nov 23	Mr G Owen	Mrs Eirwen Thomas, Chairperson	<p>'Mr Owen has already proven himself as a caring, conscientious and pleasant governor. He has well-suited professional skills for governance and a comprehensive broad knowledge of Education in Wales. He can adjust his knowledge according to the requirements at the time.</p> <p>He will always be supportive of all school activities, helpful and well respected in our community.</p> <p>His nomination was proposed and seconded and the decision to re-nominate was unanimous.'</p> <p>Mrs Thomas is seeking Mr Owen's re-appointment.</p>
Teilo Sant	1	Cllr R Jones	Mr Tim Hayes, Chairperson	<p>'Cllr. Robert Jones has been a leading member of the Governing Body for a number of years. His background in Education is valuable to us and he is an authoritative, smart, balanced voice in our meetings, benefitting the Governing Body.'</p> <p>Mr Hayes is seeking Cllr. Jones' re-appointment.</p>

SECONDARY SCHOOL	NO. OF VACANCIES	NOMINATIONS NAME AND ADDRESS	NOMINATED BY	DETAILS
Bryngwyn – Glan y Mor Federation Page 10	1	Mr DW Hugh Richards	Mrs Sharon Cole, Chairperson	<p>'Hugh Richards has a longer standing association with Bryngwyn School and evolution through Federation and this commitment is displayed by his regular attendance at Federation events.</p> <p>Mr Richards is a dedicated LEA Governor on our Federated Governing Body and has been for a number</p>

<p>Page 11</p>				<p>of years. He lives within our catchment area, has involvement with our partner primary schools and therefore has a deep understanding of the context, challenges and achievements of our pupils in the secondary phase. He also has an understanding of strategic issues affecting education in Wales and therefore is well placed to balance local needs with national requirements. In addition, Mr Richards, a Welsh speaker, is able to offer an understanding of the successful delivery of Welsh medium and bilingual education, which is a strategic objective of the Federation, Local Authority and part of Welsh Government's national mission. Mr Richards' contribution will be invaluable as the Federation puts together its Welsh in Education Plan (WESP) which is part of the critical path of the Local Authority materialising its Welsh agenda over the next 10 years. Welsh is a skill set that has been identified as being presently missing from the skills matrix of our Federated Governing Body. He has excellent communication and interpersonal skills that allows him to work effectively across the Federation and its partnerships and be able to undertake Governor visits as required. Mr Richards, by virtue of being an experienced Governor, will give valuable expertise to our Federated Governing Body to enhance the very best learning experiences and standards for all our learners.</p> <p>We therefore wish to unreservedly support his nomination.'</p> <p>Mrs Cole is seeking Mr Richards' re-appointment.</p>
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SPECIAL SCHOOL	NO. OF VACANCIES	NOMINATIONS NAME AND ADDRESS	NOMINATED BY	DETAILS
n/a				

12 MAY 2023

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Glynog Davies	Education & Welsh Language

APPOINTMENT OF EDUCATION ADMISSIONS MEMBERS

Recommendations / key decisions required:

That the Cabinet Member makes appointments to the listed vacancies:

Church in Wales Diocesan Representative:

Reverend John Cecil, Diocesan Director of Education

Roman Catholic Diocesan Representative:

Mr Paul White, Diocesan Director of Education

Headteacher Representatives- Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools:

Mr Gethin Richards

Mrs Non Neave

Mr Julian Kennedy

Headteacher Representatives – Voluntary Aided Schools:

Mr Andrew Hurley

Parent Governor Representatives:

Ms Carly Lee

Ms Carol Seabourne

Local Community Representatives:

Ms Sarah Georgina Jones

Reasons:

To meet statutory obligations of filling vacancies on the Admissions Forum.

Directorate	Designation:	Tel No. / E-mail Addresses:
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any): N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

CABINET MEMBER

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APPOINTMENT OF EDUCATION ADMISSIONS MEMBERS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

Background

In accordance with the LA appointment policy for Admissions Forum Members, there is a requirement to review core members and school members of the Forum every 4 years.

The last full membership review took place in Autumn 2017, a review was necessary in Autumn 2021. The renewal of membership would normally fall in sync with the County Council members election, however due to the Welsh Government elections in 2021, local Council elections were delayed a year to 2022.

To comply with the Welsh Government School Admissions Code, there was a need to re-elect the core members for the period from November 2021 to October 2022. Following the County Council elections in May 2022, a full review of the Forum members was needed and subsequently every 4th year.

Current position

Due to staff shortages and long term staff absence in the Admissions Team the recruitment of a new Admissions Forum was delayed. This allowed the Admissions Team to focus on the statutory processing of school admission applications as a priority.

Nominations for the new Forum were sent out in mid Autumn 2022. Nominations were received for all categories except for the Community representatives. In January 2023, "One Voice Wales" were contacted to promote our advert for Community representatives, and we received one nomination.

A further exercise to recruit an additional Community representation will be undertaken in May 2023 via an email to the Chair of each Community Council seeking nominations.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed:  Head of Access to Education

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

N/A

2. Legal

N/A

3. Finance

N/A

4. ICT

N/A

5. Risk Management Issues

N/A

6. Staffing Implications

N/A

7. Physical Assets

N/A

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed:  Head of Access to Education

1. Scrutiny Committee –N/A

2. Local Member(s) – Relevant Local Members have been notified of received nominations.

3. Community / Town Council – Relevant Local Members have been notified of received nominations.

4. Relevant Partners – N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

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List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2018-03/school-admissions-code.pdf>

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Consultation Document	There are none
Federation process of maintained schools in Wales – Guidance for governing bodies and local authorities	There are none
School Organisation Code (2013)	There are none
School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013	There are none

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