

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

3 OCTOBER 2017

REPORT BY THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Cabinet for the appointment of local authority governors to the school governing bodies listed at paragraph 4.1 and 4.2.

2. Connection to the Corporate Improvement Objectives/other corporate priorities

- 2.1 The work of local authority governors supports the raising of educational standards and the wellbeing of children, young people and their local communities. In particular, their work contributes to the following corporate priority:

- Supporting a successful economy.

3. Background

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council's '*Guidance on the appointment of local education authority governors*' approved by Cabinet on the 14 October 2008, consideration has been given by officers to applications received for current and forthcoming vacancies of local authority governors on governing bodies (see paragraphs 4.1, 4.2 and Appendix A).

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 For the nine schools below, there was no competition for any of the vacancies and therefore eleven applicants met the approved criteria for appointment as local authority governor.

Therefore, the recommended appointments are:

Mrs Kim Hore	Betws Primary School
Mr David Robert Pugh	Blaengarw Primary School
Mrs Mari Johns	Bryncethin Primary School
Miss Helen Davies	Cwmfelin Primary School
Mr David Bassett JP	Héronsbridge School
Mr Chris Major MBE	Maes yr Haul Primary School
Mrs Cleone Westwood	Maes yr Haul Primary School
Cllr Tom Giffard	Tremains Primary School
Mr Peter Richard Vincent	Ysgol Bryn Castell
Mrs Mai Jones	Ysgol Cynwyd Sant
Mrs Fiona C Roberts	Ysgol Cynwyd Sant

- 4.2 There was competition, however, for three vacancies at three schools. The officer panel scrutinised the applications received and recommended the following appointments:

NAME OF SCHOOL	APPLICANTS
Brynteg Comprehensive	Cllr Nicole Burnett Cllr Mrs Julia E Williams
In line with the Council's selection criteria, it was agreed to recommend Cllr Nicole Burnett based on her being a local ward member for any part of the school's catchment area.	

NAME OF SCHOOL	APPLICANTS
Bryntirion Comprehensive	Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell Mrs Cleone Westwood
In line with the Council's selection criteria, it was agreed to recommend Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell based on his being a local ward member for any part of the school's catchment area.	

NAME OF SCHOOL	APPLICANTS
Cefn Glas Infants	Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell Cllr Dr Charles Smith
As Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell had no previous experience as a governor, and in line with the Council's selection criteria, it was agreed to recommend Cllr Dr Charles Smith based on his attendance record at governing body meetings in the previous two years.	

- 4.3 Subject to the above appointments being approved, there are still 25 vacancies that need to be filled in 17 schools (see Appendix A).

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1 There is no effect upon the policy framework or procedure rules.

6. Equality impact assessment

- 6.1 An assessment of the appointment of local authority governors shows that there are no equalities issues related to this report.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

8. Recommendation

8.1 Cabinet is recommended to approve the appointments listed at paragraph 4.1 and 4.2.

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Background documents

- Bridgend County Borough Council's 'Guidance on the appointment of local education authority governors' that was approved by Cabinet on 14 October 2008.
- The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

List of local authority governor vacancies up until December 2017

Name of school	List of current and forthcoming vacancies
Cynffig Comprehensive School	1
Abercerdin Primary School	1
Afon Y Felin Primary School	2
Caerau Primary School	1
Coety Primary School	1 (from September)
Ffaldau Primary School	1
Llangynwyd Primary School	2
Mynydd Cynffig Primary School	2
Penybont Primary School	1
Pil Primary School	2
Plasnewydd Primary School	2
Porthcawl Primary School	2 (1 from September)
Tondu Primary School	1
Tremains Primary School	1
Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw	2 (1 from September)
Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr	2
YGG Llangynwyd	1
Total vacancies	25