

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

24 NOVEMBER 2015

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND TRANSFORMATION

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 (LA) governors to the school governing bodies listed in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 below.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 The work of LA governors supports the raising of educational standards and the well-being of children, young people and their local communities. In particular, their work contributes to the corporate priority:
- Working together to raise ambition and drive up educational achievement.

3. Background

- 3.1 In accordance with the council's 'Guidance on the appointment of local education authority governors' approved by Cabinet on the 17th July 2007, an officer panel from the Children's Directorate met on Thursday 15th October 2015 to consider applications received for current and forthcoming vacancies of LA Governors on governing bodies (see 4.1, 4.2 & Appendix A). The officer panel scrutinised all application forms.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 For the 10 schools below, the 11 applicants met the approved criteria for appointment as LA governors and there was no competition for any of the vacancies. Therefore, the recommended appointments are:

Pastor David Rhodes	Blaengarw Primary School
Mrs Christine Lynne Wake	Brynmenyn Primary School
Gareth Pope	Brynmenyn Primary School
Michelle Hatcher	Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen
Pastor Paul Evans	Corneli Primary School
Cllr Clive James	Cynffig Comprehensive School
Cllr Clive James	Mynydd Cynffig Primary School
Miss Jane Hughes	Oldcastle Primary School
Cllr Alexander Owen	Pencoed Primary School
Cllr Sean Aspey	Porthcawl Comprehensive School
Mrs Elizabeth Blake	West Park Primary School

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

NAME OF SCHOOL	APPLICANTS
Llangynwyd Primary	Mr Fadhel Abedalkarim Mr John Keith Waldin
In line with the Council's selection criteria, it was agreed to recommend Mr John Keith Waldin based on his attendance record at governing body meetings in the previous two years.	

NAME OF SCHOOL	APPLICANTS
Archbishop McGrath	Mr Kevin Pascoe Cllr Hailey Townsend
In line with the Council's selection criteria, it was agreed to recommend Cllr Hailey Townsend based on her being the local ward member for part of the school's catchment area.	

- 4.3 Subject to the above appointments being approved, there are still 18 vacancies that need to be filled (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 in paragraphs 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', approved by Cabinet on 17th July 2007. .
- The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

List of LA Governor vacancies up until December 2015

NAME OF SCHOOL	List of Current & Forthcoming Vacancies
BRYNTEG COMPREHENSIVE	1
YGG LLANGYNWYD	1
AFON Y FELIN PRIMARY	1
BETWS PRIMARY	1
BRYNTIRION INFANTS	2
FFALDAU PRIMARY	1
NANTYMOEL PRIMARY	1
OLDCASTLE PRIMARY	2
PENYFAI PRIMARY	2
PORTHCAWL PRIMARY	1
ST MARYS PRIMARY	1 (from December)
ST ROBERTS PRIMARY	1
YSGOL CWM GARW	1
YSGOL BRO OGWR	1
YSGOL Y FERCH O'R SGER	1
TOTAL VACANCIES	18