

## **APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS ADVISORY PANEL**

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

Present: Councillor R.M. Birch (Chair, Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language); Councillors A. Asbrey, N. Marshallsea, S. Campbell, W.A. Hennessy and R. Sivagnanam (Substitute for M.R. Wilkinson).

Also present: M. Gibbs (Vale School Governors Association).

(a) Apology for absence

This was received from Councillor M.R. Wilkinson.

(b) Declarations of Interest –

Councillor N. Marshallsea declared an interest in agenda item 4, being a Governor at High Street Primary School and having submitted an application to become a Governor at Whitmore High School.

Councillor S. Campbell declared an interest in agenda item 4, being a Governor at South Point Primary School.

Councillor W.A. Hennessy declared an interest in agenda item 4, being a Governor at Rhoose Primary School.

Councillor A. Asbrey declared an interest in agenda item 4, being Governor at Dinas Powys Primary School.

Mari Gibbs declared an interest in agenda item 4, being a Governor at Romilly Primary School.

All Councillors and Mrs. Gibbs left the room when the above schools' applications were being considered.

(c) Guidance Regarding the Appointment Process –

The Officer from the Governor's Support Unit provided the Panel with an overview in respect of the Guidance regarding the appointment process detailed at Agenda Item No. 2, advising that Appendix 1 provided a list of vacancies, Appendix 2 was the Policy for the Appointment of Local Authority Governors, whilst Appendix 3 detailed the advertisement for Local Authority Governors. It was subsequently

**RECOMMENDED – T H A T** the Guidance in respect of the process be noted.

## Reason for recommendation

In noting the Guidance for the appointment process.

### (d) Exclusion of Press and Public –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

### (e) Applications for Appointment for Current Local Authority Governor Vacancies (Exempt Information – Paragraph 12) –

The Officer from the Governor's Support Unit advised that a late application had been received for Cadoxton Primary School. The Officer also offered further advice to the Panel regarding applications, where requested.

Following full consideration of the applications, it was subsequently

RECOMMENDED – To Cabinet

(1) T H A T the following appointments be made to the schools as set out below:

School	No. of Vacancies	Appointment
All Saints CiW	1	None – remains vacant*
Cadoxton Primary	1	D. Stolzenberg
Cogan Primary	1	C. Shillabeer
Colcot Primary	1	J.D. Rogers
Cowbridge Comp	2	S. Blackman and D. Farrell
Dinas Powys Primary	1	N. Meredith
Evenlode Primary	2	A. Thomas and K. Nolan
Gladstone Primary School	1	Councillor P. Drake
High Street Primary	1	L. Banks
Holton Primary	2	J. Scott and S. Pengelly**
Jenner Park Primary	1	E. Ryles
Llangan Primary	1	E. Thomas
Llandough Primary	1	Councillor G.D.D. Carroll
Llanfair Primary	2	S. Bonnar and N. Phillips
Oakfield Primary	2	L. Banks and C. Hunt**
Pencoedtre High School	1	D. Carter
Peterston S Ely Primary	1	S. Evans
Rhws Primary	1	J. Nixon
Romilly Primary	2	M. Kennedy and C. Withycombe

South Point Primary	1	B. Millhausen
St Cyres Comprehensive	4	H. Evans; Councillor C.P. Franks; S. Pengelly and S. Dowling
St Illtyd Primary	1	M. Evans
St Nicholas CiW	1	C. Hunt
St Richard Gwyn	2	D. Carter One appointment made, one vacancy remains*
Sully Primary	1	E. Parker
Whitmore High School	2	Councillor N. Marshallsea and Councillor E. Goodjohn
Y Bont-faen	1	M. Evans
Ysgol Bro Morganwg	5	D. Griffith; G. Evans; H. Llewellyn-Morgan; R. A. Evans and S. Evans
Ysgol Pen Y Garth	1	R. Griffiths
Ysgol Sant Baruc	2	S. Evans and O. Williams

\*A vacancy remains, and the position will be re-advertised.

\*\*Members, having been made aware that some applicants had advised that they would be happy to be a Governor for more than one school or be accepted for an alternative school, agreed that the appointments be approved subject to the Governor Support Officer approaching the candidates to confirm whether they would accept the positions with Cabinet being informed accordingly.

(2) T H A T it be noted that where applicants who had indicated that they would be happy to be appointed to two Governing Bodies, did not wish to take up the positions, the vacancies be deferred, to be considered at the next meeting of the Panel.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To allow Cabinet to consider and agree appointments to the above schools' Governing Bodies, having regard to the applications received and in order that vacancies where required, can be advertised as appropriate.

(2) Should any applicant reconsider their position.