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**CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL
CYNGOR DINAS CAERDYDD**



**LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR
APPOINTMENT PANEL:**

19 MAY 2016

REPORT OF INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

NOMINATIONS TO LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Reason for this Report

1. To consider and make recommendations to Annual Council on 26 May 2016 on appointments to Local Authority Governor Vacancies.

Background

2. Section 19 of the Education Act 2002 creates the general ability for the Local Authority to appoint governors to the Governing Bodies of maintained schools, with further detail contained in the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005. When Local Authority school governor vacancies arise, either by appointees reaching the end of their term of office or resigning, it is the statutory duty of the Council to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.
3. In November 2014, the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee undertook a Task and Finish Inquiry into the effectiveness of Cardiff schools' governing bodies, including a review of the appointment process for Local Authority governors. The Inquiry recommended the setting up of a Member Governors Panel to oversee the process of recruiting Local Authority governors and to carry out a programme to recruit and support school governors.

This new approach was approved by the Constitution Committee and it was recommended that the Constitution be amended to establish a cross party Advisory Member Panel to consider and vet all applications to serve as a Local Authority Governor, making recommendations for appointment to the Council.

The Panel would also maintain an overview relating to the recruitment and training for governors, criteria for appointment and conduct. The Constitution Committee also recommended that the Panel would comprise up to seven

Cardiff Councillors and meet termly or more frequently as required to consider all Local Authority Governor applications or renewals. All applications would need to be accompanied with an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Check.

4. These recommendations were approved by Full Council at its meeting on 26th March 2015.

Issues

5. The Panel under Item 5 attached has received the list of current and future vacancies as at 3 May 2016 and applications to these vacancies since its last meeting on 21 January 2016.

Reason for Recommendations

6. To ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory functions in respect of the appointment of local authority governors for maintained schools.

Legal Implications

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the report, the Council is required, pursuant to the Education Act 2002, section 19 and regulations made there under, to appoint Local Authority governors to the Governing Bodies of maintained schools, in accordance with those statutory provisions.

Financial Implications

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Recommendation

That the Local Authority Governor Appointment Panel considers and makes recommendations to Annual Council 26 May 2016 on applications to the current vacancies as at 3 May 2016.

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13 May 2016

Appendix – Applications to Local Authority Governor Vacancies and re nominations.
This Appendix is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1072 as it contains information relating to a particular individual