

COUNCIL:

28 JULY 2016

REPORT OF INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

APPOINTMENT TO TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODIES

Reason for this Report

1. To appoint a parent governor to the temporary governing body of the new Welsh Medium Primary School on the Hamadryad site - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad.

Background

2. The New Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005 (the Regulations) state that where any proposals to establish a maintained school have been published under any enactment, the local authority may make arrangements to appoint governors to Temporary Governing Bodies under Section 34 of the Education Act 2002 (the 2002 Act) in anticipation of the approval of the proposals or in anticipation of a determination by the authority that the proposals should be implemented.

The Council's Cabinet at its meeting on 10 December 2015 received a report detailing the responses received following consultation on proposals regarding provision in and around the Butetown, Canton, Grangetown and Riverside areas. The Cabinet agreed for the Council to progress to the next stage and publish a legal statutory notice to:

- Establish a new FE Welsh-Medium Primary School with nursery on the Hamadryad site located adjacent to the Hamadryad playing fields off Hamadryad Road Cardiff. The school is to open initially at 1 FE only in temporary accommodation adjacent to the Ninian Park Primary School site in the accommodation formerly occupied by Ysgol Tan yr Eos on Virgil Street, Cardiff from September 2016 and transfer to its permanent site adjacent to Hamadryad Park from September 2017.

The statutory notice was published on 7th January 2016 and allowed a period of 28 days from the date of publication for receipt of formal objections to the proposals. The proposals were approved at the Council's Cabinet meeting of 10th March 2016.

A temporary governing body was established in January 2016 in anticipation of the approval of the proposals.

Issues

3. Where the need for a temporary governing body arises, it is the statutory duty of the Council to appoint the Local Authority and Parent governors. The Local Authority Governors Panel met on 21 January 2016 to consider the applications for the Local Authority governor positions and their recommendations were approved by Full Council on 28 January 2016. Full Council also appointed parent governors to the temporary governing body at its meeting on 28 January 2016.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. To ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory functions in respect of appointments to Temporary Governing Bodies.

Legal Implications

5. Section 34 of the 2002 Act and Part 2 of the Regulations set out the arrangements that need to be put in place for the temporary government of new maintained schools.
6. In accordance with Section 34 of the 2002 Act, there is a requirement for the local authority to make arrangements for the constitution of a temporary governing body. Regulation 5(1) of Part 2 of the Regulations enables the local authority to put in place arrangements to establish a temporary governing body for a new maintained school once proposals for the new school have been published via a statutory notice. This includes the appointment of Local Authority, Parent and Staff governors in accordance with the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005 and the Regulations
7. With regards to the appointment of a temporary Staff governor, the local authority must first make a decision whether a temporary Staff governor should be included on the temporary governing board of the new school in accordance with regulation 10 of the Regulations. This decision is currently being made and if the decision is to proceed with an appointment, then Council will be asked to agree the appointment of a staff governor in a later Report. Any person so appointed following such decision must be employed at a maintained school otherwise than as a teacher.
8. The number of each category of governor required for a temporary governing body are set out in regulation 21 of the Regulations and (in the context of a community school) regulation 13 of the Government of Maintained Schools Wales Regulations 2005.
9. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement

imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council, e.g. standing orders and financial regulations; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

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

Recommendation

11. The Council is asked to agree:

1. The appointment of one parent governor to the temporary Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad as listed in Appendix 1.

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Date: 22 July 2016

The following Appendix is attached:

Appendix 1	Table containing details of one parent school governor for appointment to the temporary governing body of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Hamadryad, with criteria for appointment
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The following Background Documents have been taken into account:

The New Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005

The Education Act 2002

The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005