

**COUNCIL:**

**28 SEPTEMBER 2017**

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**REPORT OF DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES**

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**APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**Reason for this Report**

1. To appoint Local Authority School Governors.

**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. The Local Authority Governors Panel to oversee this process was constituted at the Annual Council in May 2015 and held its first termly meeting in September 2015.

**Issues**

4. The Local Authority Governors Panel met on 19 September 2017 to consider new applications to current and future vacancies up to 31 January 2018. The recommendations of the Panel are contained in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Reasons for Recommendations**

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

**Legal Implications**

6. 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.
7. Appointments to outside bodies are a local choice function, which is reserved under the Council's Constitution to full Council. Accordingly, the appointment of local

authority governors to Governing Bodies, as recommended in this report, requires the approval of full Council.

### **Financial Implications**

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

### **Recommendation**

9. That Council consider the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel of 19 September 2017 and approve the appointments of Local Authority Governors to the School Governing Bodies as set out in Appendix 1.

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21 September 2017

*The following Appendix is attached:*

Appendix 1            List of Local Authority School Governor vacancies and recommendations for appointment by the Local Authority Governor Panel for the period 1 October 2017 to 31 January 2018

*The following Background Documents have been taken into account: N/A*