

**COUNCIL:**

**24 June 2021**

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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 to fill vacancies.

**Background**

2. Section 19 of the Education Act 2002 makes provision for the governing bodies of maintained schools to include Local Authority appointed governors, 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 Governor Panel was constituted at the Annual Council in May 2015 to advise the Council on appointments and removal of governors to those places allocated to the Local Authority.

**Issues**

4. The Local Authority Governor Panel will meet on 21 June 2021 to consider new applications to fill current vacancies. The recommendations of the panel, in respect of new appointments will be outlined on the Amendment Sheet.

**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. Appointments are for a fixed term

of 4 years from the date of the appointment and governors may be re-appointed for a further 4 year term.

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 requires the approval of full Council.

### **Financial Implications**

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

### **Recommendation**

9. That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Local Authority Governor Panel, the Council approves the new appointments of Local Authority governors to the school governing bodies as set out in the Council Amendment Sheet, each for a term of 4 years from the date of the appointment.

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