

COUNCIL:

26 January 2023

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES &
MONITORING OFFICER**

**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 met on 17 January 2023 to consider new applications to fill current and future vacancies due to arise by 31 March 2023. The recommendations of the panel, in respect of new appointments are contained in **Appendix 1** to this report. Also attached to this report at **Appendix 2** are the recommendations of the panel in respect of future appointments made at the previous Panel meeting on 26 September 2022, which were not included in the September Council Report due to an administrative oversight.
5. All appointments recommended by the LA Governor Panel have satisfied the required application process; and are for a 4 year term of office starting from the date of the appointment, unless otherwise stated.

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.
8. Members will note that this report recommends the appointments of local authority governors, as set out in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** for a 4 year term.

Financial Implications

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

Recommendation

10. 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 **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**, each for a term of 4 years from the date of the appointment.

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Director Governance & Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

19 January 2023

The following Appendices are attached:

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| Appendix 1 | List of Local Authority school governor vacancies and recommendations for appointment made by the Local Authority Governor Panel on 17/01/2023 |
| Appendix 2 | List of Local Authority school governor future vacancies and recommendations for appointment made by the Local Authority Governor Panel on 26/09/2022. |

The following Background Documents have been taken into account:

Local Authority Governor Panel Minutes 26 September 2022

Council Amendment Sheet 29 September 2022

Council Minutes 29 September 2022

Local Authority Governor Panel Minutes 17 January 2023