

LA Governors Appointments Committee Agenda



9.30 am Wednesday, 17 July 2019
Committee Room No. 1 Town Hall,
Darlington

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. Attendance at Meeting.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Appointment of Chair for the Municipal Year 2019/20
4. Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2019/20
5. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 January 2019 (Pages 1 - 2)
6. LA Governor Nominations to School Governing Bodies – Report of the Head of Education and Inclusions Children, Families and Learning (Pages 3 - 6)
7. Supplementary Item(s) (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting.
8. Questions.



Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Tuesday, 9 July 2019

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

Councillors Allen, Crudass, Holroyd and Lucas

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LA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Friday, 11 January 2019

PRESENT – Councillors C L B Hughes (Chair), C Taylor, Crudass and Mills**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Curry,**ABSENT** – Councillors L Hughes**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Councillors**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** –**LA6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LA7 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

Submitted – The minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 September 2018.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be approved as a correct record.**LA8 LA GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES - HEAD OF EDUCATION AND INCLUSIONS, CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND LEARNING (REPORT ENCLOSED).**

The Head of Education and Inclusions, Children and Families and Learning submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to a recommendation on an application which had been received to fill a vacancy of a Local Authority (LA) Governor on a School Governing Body.

The Panel were advised that the vacant position for the Governor of St Teresa's RC VA Primary School has not been filled following the resignation of the previous LA Governor a year ago, this was due to the plans for a proposed academy conversion which has not progressed as planned and as such the vacant position needs to be filled. An application has been received for the vacancy.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the Disclosure and Barring Checking process, the following appointment be made for a term of four years commencing on the date specified:

School	Number of vacancies	Appointed	Date of Appointment
St Teresa's RC VA Primary School	1 vacancy due to resignation of previous LA Governor	Cllr. Anne-Marie Curry	11 January 2019

**LA GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT PANEL
17 JULY 2019**

LA GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Purpose of Report

1. To consider a recommendation regarding an application received for a Local Authority (LA) Governor at a vacancy of a school governing body.

For appointment

2. The previous LA Governor, Cllr. Helen Crumbie, stood down from continuing as a governor due to work commitments approximately 4 months ago and the vacant position has not been filled. The Clerk to the Governing Body informed the Local Authority Education team of this in May, however due to Purdah, the process for seeking nominations for the vacancy could not be progressed. Following Purdah, an expression of interest was put forward by Cllr. Barch, followed by a completed application form.
3. A completed application form is attached with this report and details of the vacancy are detailed below.

Governing Body / School and Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Name + Address of Applicant(s)	Recommendation	Notes	Status New appointment / Re-appointment
Whinfield Primary School 1 Vacancy	Resignation of previous LA Governor	Cllr. Jamie Barch 20 The Stray Darlington	Nominate to School		New Appointment

For information

4. Only maintained schools are required to have a Local Authority Governor, there is no requirement on academies to have a LA governor and many have chosen not to have one as part of their governing body. Following the academisation of a further four primary schools on 1st October 2016 there are only six maintained schools remaining (two nursery schools and four primary schools).
5. The statutory guidance for governing bodies of maintained schools (September 2016) states that:

‘Local Authority governors are nominated by the local authority but appointed by the governing body. The local authority can nominate any person who is eligible to be a local authority governor, but it is for the governing body to decide whether the nominee has the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school and meets any other eligibility criteria they have set. Local authorities should therefore make every

effort to understand the governing body's requirements and identify and nominate suitable candidates'.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that:-

- (a) Members are requested to note the above information and take it into account when nominating to the currently vacant position;

Tony Murphy
Head of Education and Inclusions
Children, Families & Learning

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Paul Richardson
Head of 16-19 (Learning & Skills)
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Prospective Governor Application Form

Surname Bartch **Title** Cllr
Forename(s) Jamie Luke
Address 20 the stray Darlington
Email Address Jamie.bartch@darlington.gov.uk **Contact No.**
Occupation Councillor **Employer** Darlington Borough Council

I would like to be considered for appointment as (please circle):

Community Governor **Co-Opted Governor** **Authority Governor**

at the following school/s (please specify which school/s you are interested in):

WHINFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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If you are serving or have served on a Governing Body please indicate below:

<u>Governing Body</u>	<u>Dates from / to</u>
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Further information (please explain here why you are interested in becoming a school governor – please note any skills, expertise, knowledge you have which you feel will be useful / details of any links or involvement you have with the local community).

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS SECTION IS COMPLETED

I have been Actively involved in the whinfield local community for nearly two years and having recently been elected as a councillor to represent the area I now want to take a more active role within the community allowing me to

support and engage with residents as well as improve interaction as a whole.

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Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Eligibility - circumstances in which a person will **NOT** be eligible to be a governor are given below. All governor appointments will be subject to satisfactory clearance following scrutiny of the list of people barred from working with children (DBS Barred List Check).

I confirm I am eligible to be a governor, have received and read the Code of Conduct for Authority Governors and agree to the check against the barred list being made.

SIGNED: JBartch DATE:14.06.2019.....

Return the completed form to the Governor Development Unit at the address shown at the top of the form or email governors@darlington.gov.uk

Eligibility - you will not be eligible if you:-

- a) are under 18 years of age;
- b) are detained under the Mental Health Act 1983;
- c) are bankrupt or disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 ;
- d) have been removed from the office of a charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commissioners or the High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement or, under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990, from being concerned in the management or control of anybody
- e) are included in the list of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young persons;
- f) have been disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee in any school by an Independent School Tribunal or by the Secretary of State;
- g) have in the previous five years (or since becoming a governor) been sentenced to three months or more in prison (whether this was suspended or not) without the option of a fine;
- h) have in the previous 20 years been sentenced to imprisonment for two and a half years or more;
- i) have at any time been sentenced to imprisonment for five years or more;
- j) have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the five years prior to, or since, appointment or election as a governor.
- k) are subject to a disqualification order under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000