

# LA Governors Appointments Committee Agenda



**9.00 am Monday, 4 November 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. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 17 July 2019 (Pages 1 - 2)
4. LA Governor Nominations to School Governing Bodies –  
Report of the Head of Education and Inclusion, Children, Families and Learning  
(Pages 3 - 6)
5. 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.
6. Questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. S. Smith", is written in a cursive style.

**Luke Swinhoe**  
**Assistant Director Law and Governance**

**Friday, 25 October 2019**

**Town Hall**  
**Darlington.**

**Membership**

Councillors Crudass, Allen, Holroyd and Lucas

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## LA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 17 July 2019

**PRESENT** – Councillors Crudass and Lucas

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Allen and Holroyd

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Jenny Dellipiani (NQT Induction Programme and Schools) and Allison Hill (Democratic Officer)

### LA1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

### LA2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Crudass be appointed Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

### LA3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Lucas be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

### LA4 MINUTES

Submitted – the minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Committee held on 11 January 2019.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

### LA5 LA GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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 received to fill a vacancy for a Local Authority (LA) Governor on a School Governing Body.

The Panel were advised that the vacant position for the Governor of Whinfield Primary School had not been filled following the resignation of the previous LA Governor approximately four months ago due to Purdah and therefore the process for seeking nominations for the vacancy could not be progressed.

It was reported that following Purdah, an expression of interest was put forward by Councillor Bartch.

**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:

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of vacancies</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Date of Appointment</b>
Whinfield Primary School	One vacancy due to resignation of previous LA Governor	Councillor Jamie Bartch	17 July 2019

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**4 NOVEMBER 2019**

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**LA GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

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**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, Duncan Malloch, resigned from the Governing Body during the last academic year. 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. Lucas, followed by a completed application form.
3. A completed application form is attached with this report and details of the vacancy are detailed below.

<b>Governing Body / School and Vacancies</b>	<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>	<b>Name + Address of Applicant(s)</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Status New appointment / Re-appointment</b>
Red Hall Primary  1 Vacancy	Resignation of previous LA Governor	Cllr. Hilary Lucas 38 Major Street, Darlington, DL3 6QG	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 Darlington schools, there are only five maintained schools remaining (two nursery schools and three 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 current 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.

Helen Ellison  
Head of Education Partnerships  
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Prospective Governor Application Form

Surname LUCAS Title MS  
Forename(s) HILARY  
Address 38 MAJOR ST DL3 6QG.  
Email Address hilary.lucas@darlington.gov.uk Contact No. 079  
Occupation — Employer —

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):

RED HALL

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

Governing Body

Dates from / to

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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

Having visited Red Hall School as a Busy Reader, listening to, and supporting Year 6 pupils, I've been so impressed with the school, its staff and pupils. I would like to join them in continuing to provide excellence for me young children of Red Hall

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