



DARLINGTON

Borough Council

LA Governors Appointments Committee Agenda

10.00 am

Wednesday, 16 July 2025

Committee Room No. 2, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend and make
representations at this Meeting.**

1. Attendance at Meeting.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Appointment of Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2025/26
4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 23 October 2023
(Pages 3 - 4)
5. LA Governor Nominations to School Governing Bodies (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Assistant Director of Education and Inclusion.
6. 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.
7. Questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'A. C. Wennington'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Amy Wennington
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Tuesday, 8 July 2025

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

Councillors Wallis, M Nicholson, Mrs Scott and Robinson

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LA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Monday, 23 October 2023

PRESENT – Councillors Wallis (Chair), M Nicholson and Toms

APOLOGIES – Councillors Mrs Scott,

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jenny Dellipiani (Education Information Manager) and Paul Dalton (Democratic and Elections Officer)

LA1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

LA2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

RESOLVED – That Councillor M. Nicholson be appointed Vice Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

LA3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 APRIL 2023

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 April 2023.

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

LA4 LA GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion, submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to an application received for a new appointment of a Local Authority (LA) Governor of a school governing body.

The Panel were advised that the Red Hall Primary School Governing Body had a vacancy and that Councillor Porter had applied for the vacant position.

RESOLVED – That the above be noted, and that Councillor Porter be nominated to the LA Governor position.

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LA GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
16 July 2025

LA GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Purpose of Report

To consider a recommendation regarding an application received for the re-appointment of a Local Authority (LA) Governor of a school governing body.

For re-appointment

The term of office for the current LA Governor, Councillor Harker, at the Federation of Darlington Nurseries, is due to expire on 31st October 2025. Councillor Harker has indicated his intention to continue as the LA Governor at the Federation of Darlington Nurseries.

Governing Body / School and Vacancies	Reason for Vacancy	Name	Recommendation	Status New appointment / Re-appointment
Federation of Darlington Nurseries	The term of office for the current LA Governor, Councillor Harker, is due to expire on 31 st October 2025	Councillor Harker	Nominate to the Federation of Darlington Nurseries	Re-appointment

For information

LA 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

It is recommended that Members are requested to note the above information and take it into account when nominating to the LA governor position.

Tony Murphy
Assistant Director Education and Inclusion
People Services

Background Papers

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

Helen Ellison, Head of Education Partnerships, ext. 5886

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