

LA Governors Appointments Committee Agenda



1.00 pm Friday, 11 January 2019
Committee Room No. 2, Town Hall,
Darlington DL1 5QT

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 10 September 2018 (Pages 1 - 2)
4. LA Governor Nominations to School Governing Bodies - Head of Education and Inclusions, Children, Families and Learning (report enclosed). (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 "Luke Swinhoe".

Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Thursday, 3 January 2019

**Town Hall
Darlington.**

Membership

Councillors C L B Hughes, C Taylor, Crudass, Curry, L Hughes and Mills

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LA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

10 September 2018

PRESENT – Councillors C Hughes (in the Chair) Cruddas, Curry and Mills. (4)

APOLOGIES – Councillors L Hughes and C. Taylor (2)

OFFICERS – Paul Richardson, Head of 16-19 (Learning and Skills) and Karen Graves, Democratic Officer.

LA1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR – RESOLVED – That Councillor C Hughes be appointed Chair of this Committee for the Municipal year 2018/19.

LA2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR – RESOLVED – That Councillor C Taylor be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the Municipal year 2018/19.

LA3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Curry declared a non-pecuniary interest as Ward Councillor.

LA4. MINUTES - Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Committee held on 30 October 2017.

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, 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 an LA Governor on a School Governing Body.

The Panel were advised that Harrowgate Hill had recently restructured its Governing Body membership and the current LA Governor had been appointed as a Co-opted Governor, resulting in a LA Governor vacancy.

At its last meeting held 12 July the Governing Body agreed to nominate an applicant and an application has been received for the vacancy. Further information on the suitability of the candidate was provided at the meeting.

Discussion ensued on the merits of the proposed candidate and the Council's eligibility criteria for all candidates.

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
Harrowgate Hill Primary School	Governing Body Restructure	Calvin Kipling	10 September 2018

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, Deborah Meki, resigned approximately a year ago and the vacant position has not been filled. The main reason for this was due to the plans for a proposed academy conversion and as academies are not required to have a LA Governor, the vacancy was left. The academy conversion has not progressed as planned so the vacant position needs to be filled and Cllr. Anne-Marie Curry has expressed an interest in this.
3. A completed application form has been received from Cllr. Anne-Marie Curry and is attached with this report. 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
St Teresa's RC VA Primary School 1 Vacancy	Resignation of previous LA Governor	Cllr. Anne-Marie Curry 17 Westbrook, Darlington, DL3 6TD	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).
4. 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 Curry..... **Title** ...Cllr.....(Miss).....
Forename(s) ...Anne-Marie.....
Address 17 Westbrook, Darlington, DL3 6TD.....
Email Address annemarie.curry@darlington.gov.uk **Contact No.** 07531 304050
Occupation Elected Councillor/ **Employer** DBC

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):

...St Teresa's RC Primary
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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>
Heathfield Primary/parent governor	...Jan2006 -July 2008
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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 attend the local church St Teresa's and have a role as youth engagement. This role is aimed year 9 and above. I believe the welfare and growth of the child starts much younger and so would like to use both my knowledge from the

church and the council to ensure we are giving our young people the best start in their life.....

I would also like to help in St Teresa's to keep moving and developing the school to become best primary school in Darlington

I have been a parent governor in the past and come with prior knowledge of how a governing body works and the roles that need filling for development and engagement in the school.....
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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: *AMurray* DATE: 5/10/18

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