

**LA GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE
11 JANUARY 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, 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;

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Background Papers

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

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