

**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;

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Background Papers

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

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