

**LA GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE  
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

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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.

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