

## **EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Committee Room No. 1) on  
Monday 24 September 2012 at 4.45 p.m.**

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**At a meeting of the EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY 16 JULY 2012 at 4.45pm**

**Present: -**

Councillor Porthouse in the Chair

Councillors Emerson, Oliver, Scanlon and L Williams.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Foster, Shattock and Dorothy Elliott.

Members were informed that Mrs Dorothy Elliot would be stepping down from the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel having served 12 years on the Committee. Members requested that the Governor Support Manager seek to replace Mrs Elliot with a representative from the Sunderland City Governors' Association.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **Minutes**

7. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 11 June 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **Governing Body Nominations**

The Executive Director of Children's Services submitted a report on nominations received for appointments to various governing bodies.

Upon discussion, it was: -

8. RESOLVED that the nominations detailed in the report be approved.

## **Federation of Washington and Thornhill School**

The Executive Director of Children's Services submitted a report (copy circulated) requesting Members to consider Authority Governor positions on the federated Governing Body.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Governor Support Manager presented the report, and in doing so reminded Members that at the last meeting it had been noted that the Governing Bodies had agreed in principle to move towards Washington and Thornhill Schools becoming a federation and any Members wishing to be part of the governance arrangements were to submit an expression of interest.

It had now been confirmed by the existing Governing Bodies that the Federation would proceed. Members were advised that there were four Local Authority Governor positions on the federated Governing Body, and five expressions of interest had been received as follows:-

Mrs D Nicholson	-	Majority (governor of Thornhill School)
Mrs J Robson	-	Majority (governor of Thornhill School)
Mr W Tarvit	-	Majority (governor of Thornhill School)
Councillor G Miller	-	Majority (governor of Washington School)
Mr J R Robson	-	Majority (governor of Washington School)

Careful consideration was given to the matter. Then it was:-

9. RESOLVED to:-

- (i) appoint Councillor G. Miller, Mrs D. Nicholson, Mr W. Tarvit, and Mr J. R. Robson as Local Authority Governors on the new federated Governing Body; and
- (ii) Arrangements were to be made to communicate the decision to Mrs J. Robson and to ascertain whether she would be interested in seeking appointment as Community Governor.

### **Implications of the new Constitution of Governing Body**

The Governor Support Manager introduced the item, stating that this was a standing item on the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel agenda.

He explained that he had written to all Members, however no responses had been received to date.

A discussion took place regarding the matter. It was then:-

10. RESOLVED that the Governor Support Manager would clarify if the Panel was responsible for appointing local authority governor representatives to Academies.

(Signed) S. Porthouse  
Chairman



CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR INCLUSION ON APPROVED LIST AT A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

<b>Name, address and occupation</b>	<b>Is there a particular school (or schools) that you would like to serve as an Authority governor?</b>	<b>What commitment can you give to the role of Authority Governor?</b>	<b>Do you have any previous educational (or other) experience, which will assist you in the role of Authority Governor?</b>	<b>Are you a member of any local voluntary groups or organisations, or are you involved in any community activities?</b>	<b>Are there any additional comments that you would like to make in support of your application to become an Authority Governor?</b>
<p>Cllr Mary Alice Turton</p> <p>Address supplied (on file)</p> <p>Occupation: Labour Councillor Sandhill Ward</p>	<p>Sandhill would be my main preference as I am currently a Councillor in this ward. I live in Copthill Ward so Houghton would also be a preferential choice</p>	<p>I would be fully committed to any responsibilities that I may have as a governor but must also add that i have my responsibilities as a Councillor</p>	<p>I was on the governing body as a volunteer worker in the coalfields area within the Children's Centres.</p>	<p>I am a member of the Labour party and I volunteer to help out with campaign work in and around the area, I also plan to become involved with the salvation army and shelter to help others in time of need when we face the devastating effects that the cutbacks are going to create.</p>	<p>If given the opportunity to become a school governor I will look forward to working alongside other members of the governing body, I will also dedicate all the time that I have to learn more about my duties.</p>

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<p>Gillian Mitchell</p> <p>Address supplied (on file)</p> <p>Occupation: Retired Headteacher</p>	<p>Sunderland - South East Area</p>	<p>I am retired and am therefore able to commit a considerable amount of time to the role.</p>	<p>Been a teacher, Deputy Headteacher and a Headteacher. Served on several educational committees including a National Committee. Have a Masters Degree in Educational Management. Managed school budgets, curriculum, personnel and premises issues and have particular interest in Special Needs and Inclusion. Have strong commitment to promoting schools as an active part of the Community and involving the Community in schools. Been responsible for developing a Children's Centre in a school.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>As an officer of a Teaching Association I have had considerable experience of dealing with personnel issues, working with the Local Authority and conflict resolution. Experienced four very successful Ofsted inspections as a Headteacher. Been on committees to produce and agree policies for schools and school management.</p>
<p>Jeannette Wright</p> <p>Address supplied (on file)</p> <p>Occupation: Business Support Assistant</p>	<p>Seaburn Dene Primary</p>	<p>As an existing governor at Seaburn Dene Primary School, I am aware of the commitment that is required.</p>	<p>I have been a parent governor since 2004.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>I enjoy my role as a governor.</p>



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<p>Kenneth Tonge</p> <p>Address supplied (on file)</p> <p>Occupation: Business Support Assistant</p>	<p>No preferred school</p>	<p>I am recently retired after 37 years in education but still ready to put some of the skills I have acquired in that time to use, so I am volunteering my services as a governor. I have headship/principal experience in all phases of education and governance experience in all phases (including special education). Therefore I am available for any school context you deem appropriate.</p>	<p>Executive Director of the largest all-age federation of schools in the country (Ashington Learning Partnership Trust)</p> <p>21 years headship experience</p> <p>Principal/headteacher of first, middle, secondary and high schools</p> <p>Ofsted inspector</p> <p>School Improvement Partner</p> <p>External Adviser for Headteacher Performance Management</p> <p>Educational Consultant</p> <p>Have been a parent, LA and staff governor in 10 schools, including a special school</p> <p>Formerly Chair of Governors at Fatfield Primary School.</p>		<p>I have 37 years of experience in education, most of that time as a senior leader. I have led school improvement across schools covering all ages. I have worked as a consultant to other schools on behalf of YST, SSAT and LAs in over 20 authorities, helping a number of schools to come out of Ofsted 'category'. I have been a school governor in all sectors and have delivered governor training for 3 LAs.</p> <p>I have skills you may wish to use.</p>

**Background Papers** - Application to Serve as Local Authority School Governor.



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24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

GOVERNING BODY NOMINATIONS

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The following nominations have been received:-

Name	School	Nominated by
Cllr M Speding	Barnwell Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr B Scaplehorn	Blackfell Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr R Bell	Castle Green Community School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Mr S Gibson	Castle Green Community School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Mrs J Meek	East Rainton Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr S Porthouse	Farringdon Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr R Heron	Gillas Lane Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr Mary Alice Turton	Houghton-le-Spring Community Nursery School	Cllr T H Wright
Mrs L J Woodcock	Mill Hill Nursery School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Mrs S Brown	Ryhope Infant School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr M Speding	Shiney Row Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr P Stewart	St John Bosco RC Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment

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Name	School	Nominated by
Mr D Riddell	St Joseph's RC Primary School, Sunderland	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr E Ball	St Paul's CE Controlled Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment
Cllr P Stewart	Willow Fields Community Primary School	** Existing governor seeking re-appointment

*\*\* The term of office of these governors have expired or are due to expire.*

Additional nominations may be presented at the meeting and may be considered subject to the consent of the Chair.

Members of the panel are asked to approve the above nominations.

### **Background Papers**

No background Papers were used

## Approved List - Vacancies to be filled by the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Rules of procedure - in accordance with rule 2 (iv)(e), where the ward councillor(s) has/have not made a nomination by the expiry of the term after the term in which the vacancy originally arose, the vacancy will be eligible to be filled from the approved list.

Members are asked to consider the following:-

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>School Preference</b>	<b>Vacancy available</b>
Gillian Mitchell Address supplied (on file)	Sunderland – South East Area	<i>Hill View Infant (1 majority)</i>
Jeannette Wright Address supplied (on file)	Seaburn Dene Primary School	<i>Seaburn Dene Primary (1 minority)</i>

### Background Papers

Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel - Rules and Procedure

