CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR INCLUSION ON APPROVED LIST AT A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL HELD ON MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2008

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Mr Richard Austin Customer Service Advisor	Eppleton Primary School	I will be able to give a reasonable amount of time to the role.		I was on the Church Parish Council and Diocese Council for a while.	I am at an age where I want to put something back and if I can make even a small difference it is worth a try.
Mr Ross Hellens Teacher	A school in the Washington Area	Available most evenings and as an employee of Sunderland LA would hope I could attend meetings during the day.	Teacher for 10 years in Secondary Education 10 years in Primary Education and 7 in Junior Education.		I have worked for over 27 years as a teacher for Sunderland LA and am currently studying the NPQH. As such I would like a greater understanding of governance in moving education forward.
Hilary Johnson Chartered Accountant	Washington Area	Prepared to give up a substantial amount of time but would not be available during normal working hours.	Just my own experience of Education both in school and university.	Member of City of Sunderland Conservatives. Involved in Guiding for a Long While (Young Leader) Support Local RNLI.	I feel very strongly about our region and the industry within it. We need to educate our young people to support this and help the north east grow. I am particularly passionate about promoting "the sciences" and feel I have a lot of experience, from my work that could help any educational organisation.

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Trevor James Milburn Retired but working part- time as School Crossing Patrol for Sunderland	Valley Road Community Primary School	I have served as a Parent Governor at Valley Road Community Primary School for the last 4 years and have enjoyed my time there immensely. Both my wife, Jane, and myself have also been active fund-raisers for the school helping to organise Community events for the parents.	I currently serve on the Executive Committee of the Sunderland School Governors Association.	For the last year I have been a member of the People's Fund Steering Group for 'Back on the Map'. At Valley Road School, for the last two years I have been involved in the production of the end-of-year school musicals as technical adviser and sound engineer.	At Valley Road School, I serve on the Premises, Appeals & Discipline Committee and have recently joined the initial Committee. After four years serving as a Parent Governor. I should like another parent to have the opportunity to become involved in this role but would still like to be actively in the governor's role. Whilst my children no longer attend Valley Road School, they both attend secondary schools in Sunderland – one in the state sector, the other in the private sector. My eldest daughter, Zoe attends St Anthony's whilst my youngest, Miranda, attends Sunderland High School.
Ivan John Richardson Mental Health Worker	John F Kennedy Primary School	Time management is something I am good at because of my Councillor role therefore a measured amount.	I'm 63 and life has it's own experience and I've raised 4 children.	Local Councillor Washington East.	Our children are our future what we teach them now shapes the future for our country and our planet.
Mr David Snowdon Financial Adviser		As needed self employed and able to manage own time.	Community governor, then parent governor at Washington School for 8 years. Member of the finance committee member, curriculum member, FMSIS trained, attendance management.	Age concern, Washington Development Trust, Washington Millennium Centre, Labour Party Member.	I am an experienced governor and I am aware of the different roles within the governing body.

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Susan Louise Wilson	Biddick Primary School	I would be able to attend meetings as and when required.	My father was a local councillor and during my upbringing I was aware of the importance of local issues.		My husband and I have recently become adoptive parents and we would welcome the opportunity to become more involved in community issue and the local school.
Kevin Wilson Unemployed	Springwell Dene School	I will commit as much time as is required to fulfil the aims.	I do not have any previous experience. But am very willing to learn		I have served in the Royal Navy for 23 years so know what it takes to maintain and improve standards.

Background Papers

Application to Serve as Local Education Authority School Governor.