

**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

