

At a meeting of the EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2011 at 5.15 pm

Present: -

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors McClennan, Oliver, Richardson, Shattock, Snowdon and Walton.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Emerson and Fletcher and Mrs D Elliott.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Richardson disclosed personal and prejudicial interests in Items No. 4 and 5 as his wife was one of the candidates.

Councillor Shattock disclosed personal and prejudicial interests in Item No. 5 as she was one of the candidates.

Minutes

18. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 8 November 2010 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of an apology from Councillor Fletcher.

Consideration of Candidates for Inclusion on the Approved List

The Executive Director of Children's Services submitted a report and tabled an addendum on applications received for inclusion on the list of approved candidates for appointment as Authority Governors.

Consideration having been given to the applications received, it was: -

19. RESOLVED that the Executive Director of Children's Services be authorised to include the following candidates on the approved list of candidates for appointment as LEA Governors: -

Lennox Lauchlan
Councillor Alan Emerson
George Thompson
Patricia Anne Richardson
John Gallagher
Eileen Herbert
Fiona Miller
Deborah Alcock
Councillor Michael Peter Essl

Governing Body Nominations

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

It was confirmed that Mr. John Gallagher had been nominated for Hastings Hill Primary School and not Thorney Close Primary School as stated in the report.

It was confirmed that the nomination for Barmston Village Primary School was Fiona Miller and not Councillor Graham Miller as stated in the report.

Upon discussion, it was: -

20. RESOLVED that subject to the above changes the nominations detailed in the report and the addendum be approved.

Rules of Procedure – Implementation of Rule 2(IV)(E)

The Executive Director of Children's Services submitted a report concerning vacancies to be filled by the Panel in accordance with Rule 2(IV)(E) of its Rules of Procedure which stated that where the Ward Councillors had not made a nomination by the expiry of the term after the term in which the vacancies originally arose, those vacancies were eligible to be filled from the approved list.

21. RESOLVED that the nomination as detailed in the report be approved.

Update on the Recruitment of School Governors

The Panel considered a report by the Executive Director of Children's Services on governor recruitment and levels of vacancies.

The Deputy Team Leader Governor Support reported that compared to the national average, Sunderland's overall governor vacancy rate was lower than the national average.

The Panel welcomed the report and it was:-

22. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

(Signed) R. BELL
Chairman