

## EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL

### AGENDA

Meeting to be held in City Hall (Committee Room 1) on Monday 15 July 2024 at 5.45pm

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1.	<b>Declarations of Interest (if any)</b>	
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3.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 20 March 2024</b>  (Copy attached).	1
4.	<b>Consideration of Candidates and re-appointment of Candidates for inclusion on Approved List</b>  Report of the Director of Children's Services (copy attached).	3
5.	<b>Governing Body Nominations</b>  Report of the Director of Children's Services (copy attached).	5

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**At a meeting of the EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL held in the ROOM 3052, CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024 at 3.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Williams in the Chair

Councillors Burrell, Bond, Guy, Herron, Scott, Vera and Watson

**Also Present:-**

Karen Mould, Principal Governance Services Officer

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies was received from Councillors

**Minutes**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 29 January 2024 (copy circulated) be confirmed as a correct record.

**Consideration of Candidates for Inclusion on the Approved List**

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on the following application received for inclusion on the list of approved candidates for appointment as a Local Authority Governor:-

(For copy report– see original minutes).

Michelle Thompson – Rickleton Primary School  
Councillor Mel Speding – Shiney Row Primary School

2. RESOLVED that the Director of Children's Services be authorised to include Michelle Thompson and Councillor Mel Speding on the list of approved candidates for appointment as Local Authority Governors.

### **Governing Board Nominations**

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report seeking the nomination of the following approved candidates to the schools indicated below:-

Michelle Thompson – Rickleton Primary School  
Councillor Mel Speding – Shiney Row Primary School

(For copy report – see original minutes).

In view of the previous item on the agenda, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the nominations be approved.

(Signed) L WILLIAMS,  
Chair.

CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR INCLUSION ON APPROVED LIST AT A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

Name and occupation (address supplied on file)	Is there a particular school (or schools) that you would like to serve as an Authority governor?	What commitment can you give to the role of Authority Governor?  If re-appointment is being considered please provide an overview of attendance at meetings	Do you have any previous educational (or other) experience, which will assist you in the role of Authority Governor?	Are you a member of any local voluntary groups or organisations, or are you involved in any community activities?	Are there any additional comments that you would like to make in support of your application to become an Authority Governor?
Mrs J Meek	East Rainton Primary School	Mrs Meek has been a long term member of the Governing Board and the Chair			
Alexandra Quinn Early Help Worker (Relationship, Sex and Health Education team) at Together for Children	Mill Hill Primary School	I believe I can give the required commitment in terms of the time and effort required.	I currently work as an Early Help worker (Relationship, Sex and Health Education team) at Together for Children. I work extensively with schools across the City of Sunderland supporting children and their families. I was previously a Police Officer with Northumbria Police, and I am a qualified Police Station Legal Representative.	I am a member of the youth offender panel.	I have an in-depth understanding of safeguarding and a good understanding of legislative and policy frameworks at local and national levels. I have experience of working with a wide range of children which gives me a good understanding of the issues often faced by children, young people, and their families. I have a positive attitude and commitment to inclusion of all children, and I am prepared to give my time and work hard in the role.
Name & Occupation  Helen Glancy Councillor	St Paul's Cof E primary school Ryhope	Will attend governor meetings as required.	I am a retired Head of Drama with 30 years teaching experience.	I attend a number of community activities in the area including St Paul's	

**CONSIDERATION OF THE RE-APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR INCLUSION ON APPROVED LIST AT A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**

<b>Name Of Candidate</b>	Janet Meek
<b>Educational Establishment</b>	East Rainton Primary School
<b>Expiry of Current Term of Office</b>	September 2024
<b>Length of Time Candidate Has Supported the Governing Board</b>	34 Years
<b>Attendance At Meetings Percentage</b>	100%
<b>Summary of the Impact of the Candidates Involvement on the Governing Board/Achievements Whilst a Member of the Governing Board</b>	
<p>My professional experience as Senior Manager in Children’s Social Care has provided extensive experience and understanding of safe guarding procedures and involvement with children in need, in need of protection and cared for children. I also have experience and knowledge of working within regulatory and legislative procedures and budget management which contribute to my role as a school governor.</p> <p>Both in my professional experience, and also as Chair of Governors, I have been involved in a number of Ofsted inspections with resultant good gradings for East Rainton Primary School.</p> <p>Over the years in my role as chair I have successfully managed change within the governing body membership, welcoming new governors and, together with the Head Teacher, contributing to their development and increasing confidence in their role. When chairing governor meetings, I ensure that governors fully participate and have the opportunity to express their views which contribute to group decision making</p> <p>I have overseen the recruitment and appointment of many staff including Deputy and Head Teachers posts with successful appointments. I work closely with the Head Teacher balancing the role of support with that of critical friend, challenging appropriately when necessary.</p> <p>As a governor with many years’ experience I am confident in my role and am keen to continue as a governor.</p> <p>Janet Meek</p>	
<b>Is the re-appointment endorsed by the Governing Board</b>	.

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## GOVERNING BODY NOMINATIONS

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The following nomination has been received:

Name	School	Nominated by
Mrs Janet Meeting	East Rainton Primary School	Re-nomination
Ms Alexandra Quinn	Mill Hill Primary School	Governing Board
Cllr Helen Clancy	St Paul's CoE Primary School	Governing Board

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