

**At a meeting of the EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL  
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022  
at 5.45 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor L. Williams in the Chair

Councillors Burrell, Guy, Hartnack, M. Herron, Scanlan and G. Smith

**Also Present:-**

Hazel Mackel, Executive Governance Services Team Leader

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors McKeith, Nicholson and Scott.

**Minutes**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 20 June 2022 (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 and a supplementary report on the following applications received for inclusion on the list of approved candidates for appointment as Local Authority Governors:-

Mr J. Chicken – Usworth Colliery Primary School  
Ms M. Stones – Barmston Village Primary School

(For copy report– see original minutes).

Councillor Hartnack highlighted that he had previously requested that attendance data be included in the report where governors were seeking re-appointment, especially when being appointed as representatives of the local authority. Ms Wilkinson reported that the Governor Support Team only held attendance data for

those schools that held service level agreements with the Governors' Support service. She added that the Clerks for these particular schools had requested that the Panel consider the re-appointments of the two Governors, and they would not have done so if they had not regularly attended their Board of Governors meetings. Councillor Hartnack requested that in future the schools be contacted in order to supply attendance information.

Members then commented on the lack of information on Governors seeking re-appointment and requested that in future details of how long they had supported the school as a Governor, what their impact their involvement had or their achievements whilst a Governor at the school and their attendance should be provided and verified by the Clerk to the Governors. Ms Wilkinson advised that she would request this information for future meetings accordingly.

It was therefore moved by Councillor Hartnack, and duly seconded by Councillor Smith, that consideration of the applications be deferred pending receipt of the additional information. Upon a vote being taken and the majority of the Members present being in favour of the applications being deferred, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that consideration of the applications be deferred to the next scheduled meeting in order to obtain details of:-
  - (i) how long the applicants had supported the school as a Governor,
  - (ii) what their impact their involvement had or their achievements whilst a Governor at the school, and
  - (iii) their attendance data verified by the Clerk to the Governors of the particular school,

and that in future this information be sought for all applications from Governors seeking re-appointment.

## **Governing Board Nominations**

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

Mr J. Chicken – Usworth Colliery Primary School  
Ms M. Stones – Barmston Village Primary School

(For copy report – see original minutes).

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

4. RESOLVED that consideration of the nominations be deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

(Signed) L. WILLIAMS,  
Chair.