

**At a meeting of the EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022 at
5.45 p.m.**

Present:-

Councillor Hartnack in the Chair

Councillors Burrell, Guy, McKeith, Nicholson, Scanlan, I. Scott, G. Smith and Williams

Also Present:-

Hazel Mackel, Executive Governance Services Team Leader

Appointment of Chair

In the absence of the Chair at the beginning of the meeting, it was moved by Councillor Scanlan and seconded by Councillor Smith that Councillor Hartnack be appointed as Chair for this meeting of the Panel.

1. RESOLVED that Councillor Hartnack be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Scott advised that one of the applicants was a personal friend and therefore he would withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the application.

Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Councillor Williams that she would be joining late as she was currently in another meeting.

Minutes

2. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 5 September 2022 (copy circulated) be confirmed as a correct record.

In view of the declaration of interest declared, Councillor Scott withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the application from Mr J. Chicken on both of the following items.

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:-

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

(For copy report– see original minutes).

In considering the application from Mr Chicken, a discussion ensued in relation to his attendance data and his personal circumstances were noted. Councillor McKeith had noted that the dates for a number of meetings had been held in close succession which would account for the absence at that time.

At this juncture, Councillor Williams arrived at the meeting and highlighted that Mr Chicken was a valuable Governor being a former Ofsted inspector and was extremely committed to the role. She advised that it had been due to the personal circumstances that he had not been able to attend a few meetings.

In the absence of the Governor Support Team Leader, Mrs Mackel reminded Members that at the last meeting it had been reported that the Clerks for both of the schools on the report had requested that the Panel consider the re-appointments of the two Governors.

Councillor Hartnack therefore requested that information should be included in the report where the Governing Bodies endorse the re-appointment of particular governors.

The Panel having given consideration to the re-appointments, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the Director of Children's Services be authorised to include Ms M. Stones and Mr J. Chicken on the list of approved candidates for appointment as Local Authority Governors.

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:-

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

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

4. RESOLVED that the nominations be approved.

(Signed) M. HARTNACK,
Chair.