

## **EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Council Chamber) on Monday  
15 November 2021 at 5.45 p.m.**

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1.	<b>Declarations of Interest (if any)</b>	
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**At a meeting of the EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL  
held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC SUITE, CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY 13  
SEPTEMBER 2021 at 5.45 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Williams in the Chair

Councillors Hartnack, McKeith, Nicholson, Scanlan and G. Smith

**Also Present:-**

Hazel Mackel, Executive Governance Services Team Leader

**Declarations of Interest**

None.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors E. Gibson, Noble and Rowntree.

**Minutes**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 12 July 2021 (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:-

Councillor K. Chequer – Southwick Primary School  
Ms J. Reed – St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

(For copy report– see original minutes).

Following consideration of the applications, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the Director of Children's Services be authorised to include Councillor Chequer and Ms J. Reed 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:-

Councillor K. Chequer – Southwick Primary School  
Ms J. Reed – St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

(For copy report and supplementary – see original minutes).

Consideration having been given to the reports, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the nominations be approved.

At this juncture, Councillor Hartnack enquired if consideration could be given to delegating the approval of nominations, especially where they were for re-elections, to make more efficient use of Councillors' time when the meetings were so short in duration.

The Chair explained that this option had been considered by the Panel in the past and Panel Members having been mindful of the importance of the statutory function and their role in approving nominations of governors to schools, felt that the current process and meetings be maintained.

Councillor Hartnack then requested if it would be possible to arrange the meetings remotely by Teams and was advised that as a formal committee meeting of the Council this had been a temporary arrangement during the Covid-19 lockdowns when Government had published guidance permitting remote meetings and this had ceased on 6 May 2021 and all formal committee meetings had to be held in person. Only by the introduction of primary legislation by Government permitting the holding of remote or hybrid meetings would enable meetings to be held over Teams.

On examining the date and time of meetings, Panel Members were advised that the arrangement to hold meetings on a Monday evening at 5.45 p.m. had been established as the majority of Members would have been attending existing meetings in the Civic Centre.

(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 NOVEMBER 2021

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?	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 Viv Ingelton	Sunningdale Primary School	Already a committed member of the Governing Board – as an LA Governor – but term of office is due to expire			Consideration of Re-appointment
Keith Norton  Occupation: Senior Finance Business Partner  Engie PLC	Fatfield Academy	Full commitment to attend meetings of the Board, associated training and any link governance visits required.	I am a fully qualified accountant with CIMA membership since 1997. As Senior Finance Business Partner, I have a host of transferable business and finance skills, knowledge and experience to support the school.	No	Access to good education is critical to the success of young people as they transition out of the system and into the workforce. Over the last 18 months the issues faced by educators and ultimately learners has been brought to the forefront due to the impact of Covid - 19. There has been disruption to the way our children and young people access education, including the introduction of a range of digital solutions, as well as disruption to the way learners are prepared for and take assessment. The sector has had to be extremely agile and adapt quickly to ensure that children and young people, wherever possible are not further disadvantaged by the impact of multiple lockdowns. Unfortunately, as we start to ease out of the restrictions the fight against the on-going impact to

					learning as well as the well-being of our children and young people will continue for the months and potentially years to come. I have kept a close eye on the government's response to "learning loss" and am passionate about ensuring our learners and educators have access to the leadership, tools and support they need to thrive. I would like to be a governor because I believe that my passion for the health and well-being of children and young people, my desire for an education system that caters for the needs of every young person and my experience as a senior leader within financial services will add real value to the school. I will bring with me extensive experience of collaborative working, problem solving and financial acumen.
Lesley Stevens	Pennywell Nursery	Already a committed member of the Governing Board – as an LA Governor – but term of office is due to expire			Consideration of Re-appointment
Timothy Wall The Rectory Houghton Road Hetton-le-Hole Tyne and Wear DH5 9PH  Occupation: Vicar	Easington Lane Primary School	I can attend regular governors meetings, be involved with the RE curriculum and collective worship as I am now, provide pastoral support to staff and students if necessary and support particular aspects of school life as appropriate.	I have been involved in working with local schools for the last three years I have been in this position as well as in my previous post in Peterlee.	I am the vicar of the parish church and a part of Hetton Fellowship of churches that runs the local foodbank as well as other community activities.	

Additional applications may be presented at the meeting and may be considered subject to the consent of the Chair.

**Background Papers** - Application to Serve as Local Authority School Governor.

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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 V Ingelton	Sunningdale Primary School	Re-appointment as term of office is due to expire
Mr Keith Norton	Fatfield Academy	Governing Board
Lesley Stephens	Pennywell Nursery	Re-appoint as term of office is due to expire
Timothy Wall	Easington Lane Primary	Governing Board

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Members of the panel are asked to approve the above nominations.

### Background Papers

No background Papers were used

