

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governor Appointments Panel held in the Wantsum Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 21 November 2014.

PRESENT: Miss S J Carey, Mr D S Daley, Ms A Harrison, Mr R J Parry and Mrs Z Wiltshire

OFFICERS: Ms D Fitch (Democratic Services Manager (Council)) and Mr L Round (Governor Support Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

17. Chairman
(Item)

In the absence of the Chairman, the Members invited Mr Parry to chair the meeting.

18. Minutes
(Item A3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2014 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

19. The new Guidelines for the Nomination of Local Authority Governors
(Item A4)

(1) Circulated with the agenda were the guidelines for the nomination of Local Authority Governors which had been recommended by the Panel and approved by the Selection and Member Services Committee on 8 October 2014

(2) RESOLVED that the new guidelines for the nomination of Local Authority Governors be noted.

20. The new Process for the Removal of Local Authority Governors
(Item A5)

(1). Circulated with the agenda was the new process for the removal of Local Authority Governors which had been recommended by the Panel and approved by the Selection and Member Services Committee on 8 October 2014

(2). RESOLVED that the new process for the removal of Local Authority Governors be noted.

21. Proposed Future arrangements for the Governor Appointments Panel
(Item A6)

(1) The Committee considered a report which took into account the revised arrangements for the nomination of Local Authority Governors and set out possible

arrangements, for recommendation to Selection and Member Services Committee, to make more efficient use of the Committee's time.

(2) Members emphasised the importance for having an agreed timescale for meetings to be cancelled if there was no business to transact. There was general agreement that if 2 weeks before the programmed meeting there was no business to transact Members would be notified of the cancellation of the meeting.

(3) RESOLVED that the Selection and Member Services Committee be requested to give delegated powers to the Corporate Director of Education, Learning and Skills (in consultation with the Chairman of the Governor Appointments Panel) to make all appointment to Governing Bodies where the nominated governor meets the guidelines in full. A report setting out those appointments made under delegated powers would be submitted to the following Governor Appointment Panel meeting.

22. Authority Governors for Primary, Secondary and Special Schools in Kent *(Item B1)*

(1) Mr Round presented the report and provided the Panel with updated information on the proposed nominations which had become available since the meeting papers were published.

(2) Mr Round advised the Panel of three nominations that had come forward since the papers were published. These were in respect of Ms Felicity Moore at the Downs View Infant School, Mr Jim Duncan at the Sheerness West Federation and Ms Amber Moth by the governing body of St Augustine's Catholic Primary School in Tunbridge Wells. The nominations of Ms Moore and Mr Duncan were accepted. Mr Round informed the Panel that Ms Moth was a teacher at another school in Tunbridge Wells and as such she would normally be precluded from serving as a local authority governor for a school in the same district. Mr Round set out the exceptional circumstances of this case for the Panel's consideration.

(3) Regarding the applications in respect of Mr Tim Burrow at the ACA Oasis Hextable School, Mr Nick Adams at the Castle Hill Community Primary School and Mr Gerard Benson at the St Nicholas at Wade CEP School nomination papers were awaited.

(4) RESOLVED that

- a) the appointments of Authority Governors to Primary, Secondary, Special Schools, Pupil Referral Units, the Pool of Additional Governors and nominations to non-Authority Academies be agreed as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes;
- b) the approval of the appointment of Mr Burrow, Mr Adams and Mr Benson, as set out in paragraph (3) above, be delegated to the Governor Development and Support Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Panel subject to the receipt of satisfactory paperwork; and

- c) an exception be made in the case of Ms Moth and that she be made aware that there may be situations where she will have to declare a pecuniary interest when serving on the governing body and if this occurs she should make the Governor Development and Support Officer aware.