

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

LA GOVERNOR PANEL

At: Committee Room 3, Civic Centre, Swansea

On: Thursday, 30 October 2014

Time: 2.00 pm

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Patrick Arran
Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Procurement
Thursday, 23 October 2014.

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LA GOVERNOR PANEL (12)

Independent Chair – Mr J Bowen (Non Voting except for casting vote)

Councillors

Labour Councillors: 8

Bob A Clay	Joe A Hale
David Cole	Paulette B Smith
Jan P Curtice	Ceinwen Thomas
W John F Davies	T Mike White

Liberal Democrat Councillors: 2

Jeff W Jones	Cheryl L Philpott
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Independent Councillor: 1

D Gareth Sullivan	
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Conservative Councillor: 1

L Tyler-Lloyd	
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Officers

Janet Hooper/ Stephanie Williams/ Stephen Holland	Legal
Kathryn Thomas	School Governor & Student Services Manager
Kate Phillips	School & Governor Unit Manager
Alison Gough	Governor Support, Education Department
Democratic Services	
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Disclosures of Interest

To receive Disclosures of Interest from Councillors and Officers

Councillors

Councillors Interests are made in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea. You must disclose orally to the meeting the existence and nature of that interest.

NOTE: You are requested to identify the Agenda Item / Minute No. / Planning Application No. and Subject Matter to which that interest relates and to enter all declared interests on the sheet provided for that purpose at the meeting.

1. If you have a **Personal Interest** as set out in **Paragraph 10** of the Code, you **MAY STAY, SPEAK AND VOTE** unless it is also a Prejudicial Interest.
2. If you have a Personal Interest which is also a **Prejudicial Interest** as set out in **Paragraph 12** of the Code, then subject to point 3 below, you **MUST WITHDRAW** from the meeting (unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Authority's Standards Committee)
3. Where you have a Prejudicial Interest you may attend the meeting but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, **provided** that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise. In such a case, you **must withdraw from the meeting immediately after the period for making representations, answering questions, or giving evidence relating to the business has ended**, and in any event before further consideration of the business begins, whether or not the public are allowed to remain in attendance for such consideration (**Paragraph 14** of the Code).
4. Where you have agreement from the Monitoring Officer that the information relating to your Personal Interest is **sensitive information**, as set out in **Paragraph 16** of the Code of Conduct, your obligation to disclose such information is replaced with an obligation to disclose the existence of a personal interest and to confirm that the Monitoring Officer has agreed that the nature of such personal interest is sensitive information.
5. If you are relying on a **grant of a dispensation** by the Standards Committee, you must, before the matter is under consideration:
 - i) Disclose orally both the interest concerned and the existence of the dispensation; and
 - ii) Before or immediately after the close of the meeting give written notification to the Authority containing:

- a) Details of the prejudicial interest;
- b) Details of the business to which the prejudicial interest relates;
- c) Details of, and the date on which, the dispensation was granted; and
- d) Your signature

Officers

Financial Interests

1. If an Officer has a financial interest in any matter which arises for decision at any meeting to which the Officer is reporting or at which the Officer is in attendance involving any member of the Council and /or any third party the Officer shall declare an interest in that matter and take no part in the consideration or determination of the matter and shall withdraw from the meeting while that matter is considered. Any such declaration made in a meeting of a constitutional body shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting. No Officer shall make a report to a meeting for a decision to be made on any matter in which s/he has a financial interest.
2. A "financial interest" is defined as any interest affecting the financial position of the Officer, either to his/her benefit or to his/her detriment. It also includes an interest on the same basis for any member of the Officers family or a close friend and any company firm or business from which an Officer or a member of his/her family receives any remuneration. There is no financial interest for an Officer where a decision on a report affects all of the Officers of the Council or all of the officers in a Department or Service.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE LA GOVERNOR PANEL

HELD ON THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2014
AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr J Bowen (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
D W Cole	J W Jones	R A Clay
J P Curtice	P B Smith	C L Philpott
J A Hale	T M White	

Officers:-

S Williams - Principle Lawyer
K Thomas - School and Governor Unit Manager
J Tinker - Democratic Services Coordinator

15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W J F Davies, D G Sullivan, C Thomas and L Tyler – Lloyd.

16 **TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

17 **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the LA Governor Panel held on 7 August 2014 be approved as a correct record.

18 **LA GOVERNOR VACANCIES. (FOR INFORMATION).**

The School and Governor Unit Manager provided a for information report on the current list of LA Governor Vacancies.

19 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.**

The LA Governor Panel was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendation to the report on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the items of business as set out in the report.

The LA Governor Panel considered the public interest test in deciding whether to exclude the public from the meeting for the items of business where the public interest test is relevant as set in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for consideration of the following items.

(CLOSED SESSION)

20 **LA GOVERNOR APPLICATIONS. (FOR RECOMMENDATION).**

The School and Governor Unit Manager reported on the applications for L A Governor vacancies that required decision.

AGREED that the following nominations be recommended to Cabinet for approval:-

1. Pennard Primary School - Councillor Desmond Wilfred William Thomas
2. Clase Primary School – Mrs Lesley Christine Evans

21 **LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS CONSULTATION.**

The Report of the Director of People was submitted to the Committee regarding Local Authority Governor Appointments Consultation together with additional correspondence that was circulated. The Panel's views were sought on whether a Chair of the Governors / Governing Body of the School should be consulted when applications are received by the Panel for LA Governor vacancies and whether the current procedure of consulting with Headteachers only continues. The Panel discussed the various options.

The Panel considered that it would be beneficial if more information be provided on the application form and a statement be included on the form to indicate that this would be the document used to make a decision.

AGREED that :-

1. No party in future be consulted.
2. The application form be amended as indicated above.

22 **LA GOVERNOR APPLICATIONS HELD ON FILE. (FOR INFORMATION).**

The School and Governor Unit Manager provided a for information report on the current list of L A Governor applications held on file.

The meeting ended at 2.30.p.m.

CHAIR

LA GOVERNOR VACANCIES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) OCTOBER 30th 2014

The list below provides members with details of the current vacancies

PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

GOVERNING BODY	NO. OF VACS.	PREVIOUS GOVERNOR(S)	VACS. SINCE	COMMENTS
CRAIGCEFNPARC PRIMARY SCHOOL	1		28.01.14	
CRAIGFELEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	2		22.04.14	
DANYGRAIG PRIMARY SCHOOL	1		15.09.13	
OYSTERMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	1	Mrs Katherine Williams	30.09.14	
PARKLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	2	Mr Robert Griffiths Mrs Lavinia Gay Mitchell	02.09.14 02.10.14	Resigned 01.02.14
PENCLAWDD PRIMARY SCHOOL	2	Rev. Iain Hodgins	20.10.14	
PENGELLI PRIMARY SCHOOL	1	Mrs Gwyneth Phillips	19.07.14	Resigned 18.07.14
PENTRECHWYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	1	Mr John Winchester	21.10.14	
SEAVIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	1		21.02.14	
ST THOMAS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	1	Ms Ge Gao	02.09.14	Resigned 01.09.14
TALYCOPA PRIMARY SCHOOL	1	Mr Mark James	01.08.14	Resigned 31.07.14
TRALLWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	1	Cllr. Penny Matthews	28.09.14	

WELSH MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

GOVERNING BODY	NO. OF VACS	PREVIOUS GOVERNOR(S)	VAC.S SINCE	COMMENTS
Y.G.G. BRYNIAGO	1		14.05.13	
Y.G.G. BRYN-Y-MOR	1		23.04.13	
Y.G.G. Y LOGIN FACH	1		28.09.12	

SECONDARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

GOVERNING BODY	NO. OF VACS	PREVIOUS GOVERNOR(S)	VAC.S SINCE	COMMENTS
BISHOPSTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	1	Ruth McNamara	28.09.14	

WELSH MEDIUM SECONDARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

GOVERNING BODY	NO. OF VACS	PREVIOUS GOVERNOR(S)	VAC.S SINCE	COMMENTS
YSGOL GYFUN GWYR	1	Reverend Doctor Adrian Morgan	28.09.14	

Report of the Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Procurement

LA Governor Panel – 30 October 2014

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Purpose:	To consider whether the Public should be excluded from the following items of business.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	To comply with legislation.
Consultation:	Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that:
1)	The public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it / they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the Paragraphs listed below of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 subject to the Public Interest Test (where appropriate) being applied.
	Item No. Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A
	6 & 7 12 & 13
Report Author:	Democratic Services
Finance Officer:	Not Applicable
Legal Officer:	Patrick Arran – Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement (Monitoring Officer)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, allows a Principal Council to pass a resolution excluding the public from a meeting during an item of business.
- 1.2 Such a resolution is dependant on whether it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as defined in section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Exclusion of the Public / Public Interest Test

- 2.1 In order to comply with the above mentioned legislation, **Councillors** will be requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the item(s) of business identified in the recommendation(s) to the report on the

grounds that it / they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the Exclusion Paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

- 2.2 Information which falls within paragraphs 12 to 15, 17 and 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended is exempt information if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 2.3 The specific Exclusion Paragraphs and the Public Interest Tests to be applied are listed in **Appendix A**.
- 2.4 Where paragraph 16 of the Schedule 12A applies there is no public interest test. Councillors are able to consider whether they wish to waive their legal privilege in the information, however, given that this may place the Council in a position of risk, it is not something that should be done as a matter of routine.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The legislative provisions are set out in the report.
- 4.2 Councillors must consider with regard to each item of business set out in paragraph 2 of this report the following matters:
 - 4.2.1 Whether in relation to that item of business the information is capable of being exempt information, because it falls into one of the paragraphs set out in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended and reproduced in Appendix A to this report.
 - 4.2.2 If the information does fall within one or more of paragraphs 12 to 15, 17 and 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the public interest test as set out in paragraph 2.2 of this report.
 - 4.2.3 If the information falls within paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in considering whether to exclude the public members are not required to apply the public interest test but must consider whether they wish to waive their privilege in relation to that item for any reason.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix A – Public Interest Test & Exclusion Paragraphs

Public Interest Test

No.	Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A
12	Information relating to a particular individual.
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 12 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that to make this information public would disclose personal data relating to an individual in contravention of the principles of the Data Protection Act. Because of this and since there did not appear to be an overwhelming public interest in requiring the disclosure of personal data he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
13	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 13 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the individual involved was entitled to privacy and that there was no overriding public interest which required the disclosure of the individual's identity. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
14	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 14 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that:</p> <p>a) Whilst he was mindful of the need to ensure the transparency and accountability of public authority for decisions taken by them in relation to the spending of public money, the right of a third party to the privacy of their financial / business affairs outweighed the need for that information to be made public; or</p> <p>b) Disclosure of the information would give an unfair advantage to tenderers for commercial contracts.</p> <p>This information is not affected by any other statutory provision which requires the information to be publicly registered.</p> <p>On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
15	Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the

	Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 15 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that whilst he is mindful of the need to ensure that transparency and accountability of public authority for decisions taken by them he was satisfied that in this case disclosure of the information would prejudice the discussion in relation to labour relations to the disadvantage of the authority and inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
16	Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
	No public interest test.
17	Information which reveals that the authority proposes: (a) To give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) To make an order or direction under any enactment.
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 17 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the authority's statutory powers could be rendered ineffective or less effective were there to be advanced knowledge of its intention/the proper exercise of the Council's statutory power could be prejudiced by the public discussion or speculation on the matter to the detriment of the authority and the inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
18	Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 18 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the authority's statutory powers could be rendered ineffective or less effective were there to be advanced knowledge of its intention/the proper exercise of the Council's statutory power could be prejudiced by public discussion or speculation on the matter to the detriment of the authority and the inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
18c	The deliberations of a Standards Committee or of a sub committee of a Standards Committee established under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any finding of a matter referred to it.

Agenda Item 6

By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 13 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972
as amended by the Local Government (Access to
Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

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Agenda Item 7

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