

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