

# **City and County of Swansea**

# **Notice of Meeting**

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

# **LA Governor Panel**

At: Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

On: Thursday, 26 October 2017

Time: 2.00 pm

Chair: Mr Jeff Bowen

# Membership:

Councillors: C Anderson, J P Curtice, J A Hale, Y V Jardine, J W Jones, W G Lewis,

H M Morris, S Pritchard, K M Roberts, D G Sullivan and T M White

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**City and County of Swansea** 

## Minutes of the LA Governor Panel

Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 28 September 2017 at 2.00 pm

**Present**: Councillor J Bowen (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)Councillor(s)Councillor(s)C AndersonJ A HaleJ W JonesW G LewisS PritchardK M Roberts

D G Sullivan T M White

Officer(s)

Gareth Borsden Democratic Services Officer
Gemma Chapman School & Governor Unit Officer

Stephen Holland Senior Solicitor

**Apologies for Absence** Councillor(s): J P Curtice

# 13 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct as adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

Councillor W G Lewis – Agenda Item 6 (YGG Y Login Fach) – Personal & Prejudicial as I am the applicant and left prior to discussion.

Councillor D G Sullivan – Agenda Item 7 (1) – Personal – I know one of the applicants (as previously declared)

#### 14 Minutes.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the LA Governor Panel held on 27 July 2017, be approved as a correct record.

# 15 LA Governor Vacancies.

The School and Governor Unit Officer provided a 'For Information' report on the current list of LA Governor vacancies.

#### 16 Exclusion of the Public.

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendations to the

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report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding to exclude the public from the meeting for the items of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant, as set out in the report.

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

### (CLOSED SESSION)

# 17 LA Governor Applications.

The School and Governor Unit Officer reported on the applications for the LA Governor vacancies that required decisions.

**Resolved** that the following nominations be recommended to Cabinet for approval:

Blaenymaes Primary – Mr Herbert Paddinson (re-appointment)

Clwyd Primary – Mr Douglas Thomas (re-appointment)

Crwys Primary – Mr Phillip Place (re-appointment)

Penyrheol Primary – Cllr Andrew Stevens

Pontarddulais Primary – Mrs Jane Harris (re-appointment)

Talycopa Primary – Mrs Rebecca O'Brien

Waun Wen Primary – Mrs Lynwen Barnsley

(Note: The unsuccessful candidate to be advised of co-option possibility or offered opportunity to apply for another school)

YGG Y Login Fach - Cllr Wendy Lewis

Morriston Comp – Mrs Lisa Pike (re-appointment)

## 18 LA Governor Applications held on file.

The School and Governor Unit Officer provided a 'For Information' report on the current list of LA Governor applications held on file.

The meeting ended at 2.04 pm

Chair



# LA GOVERNOR VACANCIES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

# 26 October 2017

# The list below provides members with details of the current vacancies

# A. English Primary School Vacancies

GOVERNING BODY	NO. OF VACS.	PREVIOUS GOVERNOR(S)	VACS SINCE/ EXPIRING ON
Birchgrove Primary School	1	Mr Bob Clay	14.10.17
Brynmill Primary School	1	Cllr Nicholas Davies	25.06.17
Clase Primary School	1	Mr Ray Welsby	06.09.17
Clydach Primary School	2	Cllr Paulette Smith Mr Ken Tucker	27.02.17 14.10.17
Craigfelen Primary School	1	Mr Adrian Warner	14.10.17
Crwys Primary School	1	Mr Khan Prince	03.10.17
Gors Primary School	1	Mr Geraint Owens	28.03.17
Grange Primary School	1	Mr Stuart Lynch	11.08.17
Gwyrosydd Primary School	1		
Hafod Primary School	1	Mr Patrick Arran	28.10.17
Llangyfelach Primary School	1	Mrs Gwenda Phillips	10.08.17
Newton Primary School	1	Mrs Fiona Hesketh	12.09.17
Pentre'rgraig Primary School	1		
Pentrechwyth Primary School	1		
Pengelli Primary School	1	Cllr Jan Curtice	14.10.17

Penllergaer Primary School	1	Mr Andrew Crowley	20.09.17
Penyrheol Primary School	1	Mr David Roe	20.09.17
Plasmarl Primary School	1	Ms Pamela Booker	27.03.17
Pontybrenin Primary School	1	Mr David Stokes	02.07.17
Seaview Primary School	1	Mrs Susan John	
Talycopa Primary School	1		22.10.15
Tre Uchaf Primary School	1	Mr Clive Watters	08.09.16

# **B. Welsh Primary School Vacancies**

GOVERNING BODY	NO. OF VACS	PREVIOUS GOVERNOR(S)	VACS SINCE/ EXPIRING ON
YGG Bryniago	1	Mr Ryan Morgans	17.12.15



# Report of the Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Business Intelligence

## LA Governor Panel – 26 October 2017

# **Exclusion of The Public**

Purpo	se:	To consider whether the Public should be excluded from the following items of business.	
Policy	Framework	None.	
Consu	ultation:	Legal.	
Recor	nmendation(	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.		
		tem No. Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A	
	6 & 7	6 & 7   12 & 13	
Repor	t Author:	Democratic Services	
Finance Officer:		Not Applicable	
Legal Officer:		Tracey Meredith – Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Business Intelligence (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 100l 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, Cabinet 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.

# **Public Interest Test**

No.	Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A			
12	Information relating to a particular individual.			
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 12 should apply. Their 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 they 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.			
13	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.			
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 13 should apply. Their 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 they 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.			
14	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).			
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 14 should apply. Their view on the public interest test was that:			
	a) Whilst they were 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			
	<b>b)</b> Disclosure of the information would give an unfair advantage to tenderers for commercial contracts.			
	This information is not affected by any other statutory provision which requires the information to be publicly registered.			
	On that basis they 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.			

No.	Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A
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. Their view on the public interest test was that whilst they are mindful of the need to ensure that transparency and accountability of public authority for decisions taken by them they were 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 they 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.
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17	<ul> <li>Information which reveals that the authority proposes:</li> <li>(a) To give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or</li> <li>(b) To make an order or direction under any enactment.</li> <li>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 17 should apply. Their view on the public interest test was that</li> </ul>
	that paragraph 17 should apply. Their 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 they 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. Their 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 they 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.

# 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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