

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Local Authority School Governor
Appointments Panel**
held on Friday, 1st May, 2009 at The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1DX

PRESENT

Councillor D Thompson (Chairman)

Councillors B Dykes, P Findlow, T Jackson and C Tomlinson

Apologies

Councillors D Flude, S Jones and G Merry

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made –

Councillor D Thompson – personal interest in agenda item 4 (Local Authority Appointments to School Governing Bodies) on the basis that she was acquainted with some of the applicants, named at the meeting.

Personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Bollington St John's/Pott Shrigley Federation on the basis that she was a personal friend of one of the applicants.

Councillor P Findlow – General personal interest in agenda item 4 on the basis that he was acquainted with any applicant who was a current or former Councillor.

Councillor T Jackson – Personal interest in agenda item 4 on the basis that she was acquainted with some of the applicants, named at the meeting.

Councillor C Tomlinson – Personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 on the basis that she was an applicant for the vacancy at Hursdfield Primary, Macclesfield.

Personal interest in the same item on the basis that she was acquainted with some of the applicants, named at the meeting.

2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

3 LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The Local Authority School Governor Appointments Panel considered the report of the Strategic Director People, which informed Members of current Local Authority Governor vacancies within Cheshire East maintained schools. Subsequent to issue of the papers, further applications had been received, and these were tabled for consideration at the meeting.

The Panel noted that there were currently 366 LA Governor positions across Cheshire East's 151 maintained schools, with 78 of those being vacant (21.3%). The most-up-to-date benchmarking information (2008) indicated that 10.8% of all LA Governor positions were vacant and 11.1% of all Governor positions (all categories) were vacant nationally.

In accordance with agreed procedures, nominations to vacant positions had been invited from schools and local Members. Any individuals who had contacted the School Governance Service directly, or via the School Governors One Stop Shop (SGOSS) had also been considered against appropriate vacancies. It was noted that nominations received from local Members had priority.

Nominations as detailed in the report, together with the additional applications were considered by the Panel.

RESOLVED: (a) That appointments be made for a 4-year term of office commencing 2nd May 2009, with the exception of Mrs Sheila Evans, whose appointment to Pebble Brook Primary School, Crewe would commence 10th May 2009 to coincide with her termination of office as a parent governor;

(b) That vacancies at Scholar Green Primary School, Congleton; Springfield Special School, Crewe; and The Dingle Primary School, Haslington, be deferred to a future meeting; and

(c) That the following appointments be approved –

- (1) ALSAGER HIGH SCHOOL
Mrs Eleanor Somerset
- (2) ASHDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILMSLOW
Cllr Gary Barton
- (3) BOLLINGTON ST JOHN'S/POTT SHRIGLEY FEDERATION
Cllr Harold Davenport
- (4) BRERETON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ms Jill Matusiak
- (5) BRINE LEAS HIGH SCHOOL, NANTWICH
Cllr Andrew Martin
- (6) CHRIST THE KING VA PRIMARY SCHOOL SHADOW
GOVERNING BODY
Ms Gillian Boston

- (7) LEIGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, CREWE
Mr Joseph McDonough
- (8) LOSTOCK HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL, POYNTON
Mr Majid Bani
- (9) MARLFIELDS NURSERY AND PRIMARY, CONGLETON
Dr Reddy Visvakumaran
- (10) MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY
Mrs Pauline Chesworth
- (11) PEBBLE BROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL, CREWE
Mrs Sheila Evans
- (12) SMALLWOOD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SANDBACH
Dr Jacqueline Cooke
- (13) TYTHERINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Dr Peter Bowen-Walker
- (14) WHEELLOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL, SANDBACH
Mr John Bottomley
- (15) WILMSLOW GRANGE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
Ms Liz Brown
- (16) HURSDFIELD PRIMARY, MACCLESFIELD
Cllr Christine Tomlinson
- (17) ST THOMAS MORE, CREWE
Mrs Rachel White

(Notes: (a) Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in No. 16 (Hursdfeld Primary, Macclesfield) Councillor C Tomlinson withdrew from the meeting during discussion and voting on the item; and

(b) Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in No. 3 (Bollington St John's/Pott Shrigley Federation) Councillor D Thompson declined to participate in the discussion and did not vote on the item.)

4 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - 2009/2010

The Panel considered the report of the Strategic Director People which outlined proposed arrangements for meetings of the Panel during 2009/2010.

RESOLVED: (a) That the scheduled meetings for 25th September, 22nd January 2010 and 21st May 2010 be approved;

(b) That, subject to availability, the meetings be held in the Capesthorne Room, Macclesfield Town Hall, commencing at 10.00 am; and

(c) That a special meeting be held on 10th July 2009 to consider the list of Local Authority Appointed Governors whose term of office would expire before the next scheduled meeting of the Panel.

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and concluded at 11.30 am

Councillor D Thompson (Chairman)