

# **Local Authority School Governor Appointments Panel**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Friday, 24th July, 2009  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield  
SK10 1DX

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos. 11 and 35, a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to its work.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for Officers to undertake any background research it would be helpful if questions were submitted at least one working day before the meeting.

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For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

5. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

**PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

6. **Local Authority Appointments to School Governing Bodies**  
(Pages 5 - 130)

The report of the Strategic Director, People, informs Members of current Local Authority Governor vacancies within Cheshire East maintained schools.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Members of the Panel are reminded that the next meeting is to be held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 10.00 am in the Capesthorne Room, Macclesfield Town Hall.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009, with the exception of Mrs Sheila Evans, whose appointment to Pebble Brook Primary School, Crewe would commence 10<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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)

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