

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Local Authority School Governor  
Appointments Panel**  
held on Friday, 25th May, 2012 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor Rhoda Bailey (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

Councillors J Clowes, K Edwards (for Cllr Harewood), H Gaddum, M Martin  
and B Silvester

## **Officers**

Andy Kent, Liaison Manager – Schools, Settings and Services  
Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors G Merry, A Harewood and  
D Mahon.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests  
in any item on the agenda.

Declarations of interest were made as appropriate during discussions of  
the item of business in which there was an interest.

## **3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11 and 35, a total of 10 minutes was  
allocated for members of the public to address the Panel on any matter  
relevant to its work.

There were no members of the public in attendance and the Panel,  
therefore, proceeded to the next item of business.

## **4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 3 February 2012 be  
approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Item 53 Local Authority Appointments to School Governing Bodies  
The resolution for Buglawton Primary School be amended as follows:

Delete "Cllr G Hayes"

Insert "The decision to appoint a governor be deferred to allow for the Officer to make further enquiries with the school."

## **5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the public and press 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 this information.

## **6 LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

The report of the Director of Children and Family Services informed the Panel of vacancies within Cheshire East maintained schools, in the context of vacancies at national level and recommended individuals for appointment and re-appointment to identified posts.

Additional information was tabled at the meeting in respect of five new appointments and one re-appointment.

The Panel was also updated on the establishment of a shadow Governing Body at Audlem St James CE Primary School.

The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 would come into force on 1 September 2012. This was permissive legislation and for existing schools it would be for an individual governing body to choose to reconstitute or continue in line with the current 2007 regulations which would otherwise continue to apply. The 2012 regulations stated that a local authority governor was a "person who was nominated by the local authority and was appointed as a governor by the governing body having, in the opinion of the governing body, met any eligibility criteria that they had set". The change in definition meant that the Panel's Terms of Reference and procedures would need to be amended to allow for both appointments under the 2007 regulations and nominations under the new 2012 regulations. Officers were awaiting publication of statutory guidance before drafting the required revision.

### **RESOLVED:**

(1) That the following appointments be made:

(a) **New Appointments** for a four year term of office with effect from 26 May 2012:

BOLLINGTON CROSS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr M I Bailey

*Note: Councillor Edwards declared a personal interest on the basis that Mr Bailey was a Bollington Council colleague.*

BRIERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr C Parker

BUGLAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr R Davey

CRANBERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr D Black

DISLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs G Marshall

HOLLINHEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr P Hooley

*Note: Councillor Gaddum declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application as she had nominated Mr Hooley for the position and left the meeting during consideration of this application.*

IVY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prof A G Sutcliffe

Mrs P Broadley

RUSKIN SPORTS AND LANGUAGES COLLEGE

Mr R J Baddeley

SHAVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The decision to appoint be deferred to allow Officers to seek further information and the final decision be delegated to the Chairman of the Local Authority School Governors Appointment Panel, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services.

SIR WILLIAM STANIER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Mr A F Coxhill

ST ANNE'S FULSHAW CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs H Shepherd

THE QUINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr M B Horgan

WESTON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr T Gill

*Note: Councillor Clowes declared a personal interest as she was acquainted with the nominee.*

WISTASTON CHURCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Mr P Taylor

WYCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Mrs S E Smith

- (b) **Reappointments** from the day after their term of office comes to an end:

ASH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY  
Mrs K Egdell

*Note: Councillor Gaddum declared a personal interest as she was acquainted with the nominee.*

CRANBERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
The decision to appoint be deferred to allow Officers to seek further information and the final decision be delegated to the Chairman of the Local Authority School Governors Appointment Panel, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services

MABLINS LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
The decision to appoint be deferred to allow Officers to seek further information and the final decision be delegated to the Chairman of the Local Authority School Governors Appointment Panel, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services

SHAVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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THE MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Cllr W H Livesley  
*Note: all Members declared a personal interest in respect of this appointment on the basis that W H Livesley was a Councillor colleague.*

WILLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Mrs J Moran

- (2) The following appointment, made in accordance with the procedures for emergency LA Governor appointments to be made

to schools in the Council's "Improving Outcomes Programme", be noted:

DEAN VALLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Mr T Penny

- (3) the decision to appoint to the shadow Governing Body at Audlem St James CE Primary School be delegated to the Chairman of the Local Authority School Governors Appointment Panel, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services.
- (4) that applicants for re-appointment as a governor be required to complete the 'reasons for becoming a governor' section on the application form in more detail and Officers to ensure that this was communicated to all applicants in future.

## **7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on Friday 19 October 2012 in the Committee Suite at Westfields, Sandbach.

The meeting commenced at 10.35 am and concluded at 11.55 am

Councillor Rhoda Bailey (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)