

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Lay Members Appointments Committee** held on Friday, 9th March, 2012 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor A Thwaite (Chairman)

Councillors A Barratt, P Nurse and L Smetham

Officers

Victoria Cassidy, Senior Solicitor

Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer

6 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved and seconded that Councillor A Thwaite be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor A Thwaite be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors P Edwards, A Harewood and D Marren.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Thwaite declared a personal interest as he knew one of the applicants.

Councillor P Nurse declared a personal interest as he knew six of the applicants.

9 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

10 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of

Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing this information.

11 APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBERS TO INDEPENDENT APPEAL PANEL FOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Committee considered a report on the appointment of members to sit on both School Admission Appeals Panels and Exclusion Appeal Panels.

Where an admission authority refused a child a place at a particular school, the parent had the right to appeal the decision to an independent appeal panel under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Where a pupil had been permanently excluded following a disciplinary offence by a head teacher, parents had a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel.

The Council had received in excess of 40 applications from members of the public expressing interest in training to become independent appeal panel members for school admissions and exclusions. The list of applicants was set out in an Appendix to the report. The applicants were assessed against the criteria detailed in the School Admissions (Appeal Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the following be appointed to the pool of persons available to sit on Independent Appeal Panels:

Mr Roger Badman
Mrs Linda Barlett
Mrs Jean Betts
Mr David Black
Mr Christopher Brierly
Mrs Shirley Catherall
Mr Thomas Clutton
Ms Caroline Coles
Mr Barry Cooper
Mrs Sylvia Cornock
Mrs Georgina Denny
Mrs Jenny Davies
Mr Neil Fowkes
Mrs Deborah Fronte
Mrs Norma Frost
Mr Graham Goodchild
Mr Nick Harvey
Mr George Hayes
Ms Susan Holland
Ms Lynda Millington
Mr Daniel Mulrooney
Mrs Maria Neville

Mr David Parsons
Ms Barbara Pendery
Mrs Patricia Richards
Miss Rosemary Richards
Mr Brian Ridley
Mr Glynn Robinson
Mr David Scott
Mr Stuart Sim
Mr Clive Smith
Mr Edward Smith
Mr David Spall
Mrs Shan Thomas
Ms Helen Walker
Mr John Whitelock
Mrs Helen Williams

The meeting commenced at 10.05 am and concluded at 10.20 am

Councillor A Thwaite (Chairman)