



Local Authority School Governor Nomination Panel Agenda

Date: Monday 14th October 2019
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

Membership

Conservative Councillors: M Beanland (Vice-Chairman) and G Hayes
Labour Councillors: S Carter (Chairman) and A Harewood
Independent Group Councillor: A Stott

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

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

Declarations are a personal matter for each Member to decide. Whilst Officers can advise on the Code and its interpretation, the decision to declare or not, is the responsibility of the Member, based on the particular circumstances.

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

In accordance with paragraph 2.32 of the Committee Procedural Rules and Appendix 7 of the Rules, a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Panel 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. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July 2019.

5. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The reports relating to the following item has 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 Panel is asked to RESOLVE –

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 involves 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.

PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

6. **Local Authority Nominations to School Governing Bodies** (Pages 7 - 16)

To consider the report on the current Local Authority Governor vacancies within Cheshire East schools.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

The Panel is asked to note that the next meeting is scheduled at 2.00 pm on Monday 10 February 2020.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the
Local Authority School Governor Nomination Panel
held on Monday, 1st July, 2019 at Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor S Carter (Chairman)

Councillors A Harewood, S Holland (Sub for Cllr G Hayes) and A Stott

Officers in attendance

Mike Harris, Service Manager School Liaison and Governance

Tadjinder Juss, Clerk to Governors

Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Beanland and G Hayes.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In the interest of openness, Councillor A Stott declared that she was a governor at Dean Valley Community Primary School and that she would not take part in the consideration of the application for this school.

In the interest of openness, Councillor S Holland declared that she knew the applicant for Rode Heath Primary School and that she would not take part in the consideration of their application.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Local Authority School Governor Nomination Panel.

As a result of changes brought in by legislation, amendments were proposed to reflect the changes to which type of schools nominations of Local Authority Governor were made.

RESOLVED:

That the Terms of Reference be amended to read as follows:

- 1 To consider and determine the selection of Authority Governors to educational establishments, where governors are nominated by Cheshire East Council, including maintained schools and academies (as determined by their Articles of Association), in order that appointments can be made in accordance with agreed criteria.
2. To monitor vacancy rates of the Authority Governors based on information provided by the Governance and Liaison Service, with a view to ensuring that vacancies are filled within one school term.
3. To note the nomination and appointment of additional governors and any urgent appointment to schools in the Cheshire East Vulnerable School Programme.
4. To consider, and where appropriate, agree, terminating appointments of Authority Governors where the governor has clearly breached confidentiality or brought the school or the Local Authority into disrepute, or otherwise failed to fulfil the role according to the code of conduct. This is in addition to situations where governors are automatically disqualified under Schedule 4 of the School Governance (Constitution)(England) Regulations 2012.

6 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended 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.

7 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The Panel considered the report on current Local Authority Governor vacancies within Cheshire East maintained schools and academies and the applications received for nomination.

RESOLVED:

That having regard to the statutory guidance in making nominations, the Panel approved the following:

Nominations for Appointment

DEAN VALLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs Karen McCurdy

EDLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr Leonard Simm

RODE HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr Patrick Redstone

ST VINCENT de PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Miss Eve Smith

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at 2.00 pm on Monday 14 October 2019.

The meeting commenced at 3.00 pm and concluded at 3.20 pm

Councillor S Carter (Chairman)

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