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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Local Authority School Governor
Appointments Panel**
held on Friday, 8th July, 2011 at The Tatton Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield
SK10 1DX

PRESENT

Councillor Rhoda Bailey (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors H Gaddum, A Harewood, D Mahon and B Silvester

IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth Agnew	Principal Officer (Children and Family Services)
Andrew Kent	Liaison Manager (Schools, Settings and Services)
Julie North	Senior Democratic Services Officer

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Merry and J Clowes

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor R Bailey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the proposed appointment to Rode Heath Primary School, by virtue of the fact that she was self nominated and stated that she would leave the room during consideration of this item.

35 PROCEDURE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

As reported at the previous meeting, the Constitution Committee had approved a revised procedure for making appointments. A copy of the revised procedure was circulated at the meeting. It was noted that details relating to the membership of the Panel would need to be amended, in order to take account of recent changes in membership, as agreed at the Annual Council meeting. The Panel membership now consisted of seven elected members (5 Conservative, 1 labour and 1 Independent).

36 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

In accordance with Procedure Rules 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 its next item of business.

37 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 15 April 2011 be approved as a correct record.

38 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 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.

39 LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

A report was submitted, informing the Panel of current Authority Governor vacancies within Cheshire East maintained schools, in the context of vacancies at a national level and recommended individuals for appointment to identified posts.

With reference to paragraph 3.2 of the report, which stated that Cheshire East's vacancy level was significantly above average, it was noted that this was no longer the case and that, as a result of the measures taken to rectify this, the vacancies were now only slightly above the national average.

Additional information was tabled at the meeting relating to one new appointment and one reappointment.

RESOLVED

That the following appointments be made for a four year term of office with effect from 9 July 2011:-

KINGS GROVE SCHOOL
Cllr M Sherratt

KNUTSFORD HIGH SCHOOL
Mrs C Millson

MALBANK SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Mr J Weir

OFFLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ms P Carter

(Councillor Bailey had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following self nomination and left the meeting during consideration of this appointment).

RODE HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cllr R Bailey

STAPELEY BROAD LANE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs D Torjussen

TYTHERINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Dr P Laffan

VINE TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Miss M Fabbeni

WHIRLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr G Ward

WILSMLOW HIGH SCHOOL
Ms J Kenyon

WILMSLOW HIGH SCHOOL
Mr J G Wilson

IVY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs Moira Ridings

Reappointment

SAHVINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr Chris Dodd

40 EDUCATION BILL

It was reported that the Education Bill was currently before Parliament and one of the proposed amendments to the Bill related to the process for the

appointment of School Governors. A full report in respect of this matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Panel, in October.

41 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place at 10.30am, on 21 October 2011, at the Town Hall, Macclesfield.

The meeting commenced at 10.40 am and concluded at 11.20 am

Chairman