

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Local Authority School Governor
Appointments Panel**
held on Friday, 28th May, 2010 in The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1DX

PRESENT

Councillor G Merry (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors B Dykes, T Jackson, S Jones and M A Martin

APOLOGIES

Councillor H Gaddum

Councillor D Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Kent

Liaison Manager, Schools Settings and Services

Carol Jones

Democratic Services Officer

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Merry declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 5 (Local Authority Appointments to School Governing Bodies), item No. 26 on the basis that she was the nominee. Councillor Shirley Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the same Minute No. (item No. 21) on the basis that she was the nominee.

No other specific declarations of interest were made in any item of business at this point in the proceedings. Members made declarations, as appropriate, during discussion of the item of business in which there was an interest.

2 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 business.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2010 be approved as a correct record.

4 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 (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing this information.

5 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 the current Authority Governor (the new legal term replacing “Local Education Authority Governor”) vacancies within Cheshire East maintained schools, in the context of vacancies at a national level, and recommended individuals for appointment and reappointment to identified posts.

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

There were 359 Authority Governor positions across Cheshire East’s 150 maintained schools. Currently 70 (19.5%) of these positions were vacant. The latest national benchmarking information (2009) showed that 10.1% of all Authority Governor positions to be vacant and 10.8% of all governor positions (of all categories) to be vacant, nationally. If the Panel were to confirm all appointments/re-appointments proposed in the report, the current number of vacancies would reduce to 53 (14.8%).

In line with agreed procedures, nominations to the vacant positions had been invited from schools and from local Members. Any individuals who had approached the School Governance Services directly, or via the School Governors One-Stop Shop (SGOSS) had also been considered against appropriate vacancies. In accordance with the agreed procedure, nominations received from local Members were given priority..

RESOLVED: (a) That the following appointments be approved with effect from 29 May 2010, unless otherwise indicated, for a four-year term of office:

- 1 ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Mr P P Tomlinson

2. BEXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Mr J Squires (from 23/06/2010 when the position will
 become vacant)

3. DAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs J Casey
4. DEAN OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr J R News
5. GAINSBOROUGH PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
Mrs C T Dunning
6. GORSEY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Revd P A Smith
7. HURDSFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr F E S Vigon
8. LACEY GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Miss S Shotton
9. MABLINS LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr L Simm
10. MANOR PARK SCHOOL AND NURSERY
Mr S Gardiner
11. MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs E J Stephens
12. MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL
Mrs C Leslie
13. PARK LANE SCHOOL
Mrs T M Palmes
14. SHAVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Mr A R C Pierre
15. ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CONGLETON
Prof M Brundrett
16. ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CREWE
Ms E Davies-Jones
17. WISTASTON GREEN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
Mr S Wallace
18. ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Mr P Spedding
19. HOLLINHEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Dr R Naidoo

20. MANOR PARK SCHOOL
Mr S Gardiner
21. ST GABRIEL'S RC PRIMARY
Councillor Shirley Jones

(Note: Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item No. 21, Councillor S Jones withdrew from the meeting prior to discussion and voting.)

(b) That the following individuals be re-appointed for a further four year term of office in their current school, starting from the day after their current term of office comes to an end.

(Notes: The following declarations of interest were made:

- (1) Each Member declared a personal interest in item Nos. 23 and 41 as they were colleagues of the Councillors nominated; and item No. 38 as the nominee was the wife of a serving Councillor;*
- (2) Councillors G Merry, B H Dykes, T Jackson and S Jones each declared a personal interest in item No. 25 on the basis that they were colleagues of the Councillor nominated;*
- (3) Councillor B H Dykes declared a personal interest in item Nos. 30 and 31 on the basis that he was acquainted with the nominees; and a personal and prejudicial interest in item No. 29 on the basis that he was a personal friend of the nominee;*
- (4) Councillor M A Martin declared a personal interest in item Nos. 30 and 31 on the basis that the nominees were former Councillor colleagues at Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council; and in item No. 35 as she was acquainted with the nominee;*
- (5) Councillors G Merry and S Jones each declared a personal interest in item. 32 as the nominee was a former Councillor colleague at Congleton Borough Council.)*

22. BEXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cllr B S Austin 22/06/2010
23. BEXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cllr A D Ranfield 07/07/2010
24. BRIDGEMERE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs E Wilson 29/05/2010
25. CONGLETON HIGH SCHOOL
Mr D T Brown 05/09/2010
26. ELWORTH CE PRIMARY
Mrs G Merry 07/06/2010

(Note: Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item No. 26, Councillor G Merry withdrew from the meeting prior to discussing and voting.

Councillor S Jones was elected Chairman for the item.

Councillor G Merry re-joined the meeting after the voting, and resumed the Chair.)

27. HAVANNAH PRIMARY
Mr R Boston 01/09/2010

28. HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
Mrs S H Thomas 04/09/2010

29. KING'S GROVE SCHOOL
Mrs L O Potter 23/06/2010

(Note: Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, Councillor B H Dykes withdrew from the meeting prior to discussion and voting.)

30. KING'S GROVE SCHOOL
Mr T Dunlop 22/06/2010

31. MALBANK SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM
Mr W S McGinnis 29/05/2010

32. MARLFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr G J Provis 01/09/2010

33. MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mrs J Thorp 21/06/2010

34. MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL
Dr C Chapman 29/5/2010

35. MONKS COPPENHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mr A Guildford 01/06/2010

36. POYNTON HIGH SCHOOL AND PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE
Mr A Hall 04/10/2010

37. SANDBACH HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
Dr J P J Savage 29/05/2010

38. ST JOHN'S WOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Mrs E Ranfield 01/09/2010

39. ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CREWE
Mrs P A Poole 29/07/2010

40. ST VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cllr A D Ranfield 01/09/2010

41. WHIRLEY PRIMARY
Councillor S K Bentley 02/06/2010

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was to be held on 22 October 2010.

RESOLVED: That all future meetings of the Panel commence at 10.30 am.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.45 am

Councillor G Merry (Vice-Chairman)