CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Local Authority School Governor Appointments Panel

held on Friday, 19th October, 2012 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G Merry (Chairman) Councillor Rhoda Bailey (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors J Clowes, H Gaddum, A Harewood and D Mahon

Officers

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

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Martin and B Silvester.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary and nonpecuniary 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.

10 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 public in attendance and the Panel, therefore, proceeded to the next item of business.

11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 25 May 2012 be approved as a correct record.

12 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 public interest would not be served in publishing this information.

13 LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The report of the Strategic Director of Children, Families and Adults informed the Panel of vacancies within Cheshire East maintained schools and recommended individuals for appointments and re-appointment to identified posts.

Additional information was tabled at the meeting in respect of four appointments and one reappointment. The Liaison Manager also provided a brief verbal update for the Panel in relation to two matters:

- the raised expectations of governing bodies as reflected in the September 2012 Ofsted inspection framework:
- the rationale behind the changes in regulations now applying for governing bodies who chose to re constitute from September 2012 onwards; and the specific change around Authority governors, namely the limitation to one in the number of Authority governors per school, and the fact that the Authority now nominated, and the governing body appointed to the position, in line within any criteria the governing body may have detailed.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the following appointments be made:
 - (a) New Appointments for a four year term of office with effect from 20 October 2012:

BEXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL Mr M J Houghton

BLACK FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL Mr J S Galbraith

DISLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL Mrs K M Tomlinson

HOLMES CHAPEL PRIMARY SCHOOL Mrs J C Longman

MOSSLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Mr E Whitehead

RODE HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Miss S L Wheeler, subject to further discussion between the applicant and the Liaison Manager - School Settings and Services

Councillor Rhoda Bailey declared an interest as she was a governor at the school.

ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Mr B Hennessy

THE QUINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL Mrs J D Parry

VERNON PRIMARY SCHOOL Mr C M Luke

VINE TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL Mrs J Rhodes

WESTMINSTER NURSERY Mrs S Humphries

WILMSLOW HIGH SCHOOL Miss J Homer

Reappointments from the day after their term of office comes to an end:

CRANBERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL Mr I MacPherson

EDLESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL Mr A Flood

HIGH LEGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr L B Keeley, subject to further discussion between the Liaison Manager - School Settings and Services and the Chair of Governors and Headteacher at the school.

(2) The following appointment, made in accordance with the procedures for emergency LA Governor to be made to schools in the Council's "Improving Outcomes Programme" be noted:

CALVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL Mr G Edwards

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Friday 1 February 2013 in the Committee Suite at Westfields, Sandbach.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 11.35 am

Councillor G Merry (Chairman)