

Outside Bodies Committee

14 December 2011

Present: Councillor C A Gambling (Chair)
Mrs L Arkley (Elected Mayor) and Councillors J M Allan,
A Arkle, Mrs S E Mortimer and C B Pickard

OB16/12/11 Declarations of Interest

The following declaration of interest was made:

Councillor J M Allan - personal interest – Governor of Burradon Community Primary School (one of the applicants had named Burradon in his application).

OB17/12/11 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2011 be confirmed, subject to the deletion of the reference to a declaration of a personal interest by Councillor J M Allan.

OB18/12/11 Association of North East Councils – Appointment of Additional Member

The Committee received a report requesting the appointment of an additional Member and Substitute to the Association of North East Councils (ANEC) for the remainder of the 2011/12 Municipal.

The request had been received from ANEC following an Extraordinary meeting of the Association when a report relating to the Association's Constitution had been considered and proposals agreed. One of the agreed proposals related to Association representation, with the new Constitution stating that each Constituent Authority would be entitled to nominate as voting representatives, its Leader or Elected Mayor plus one elected member per 50,000 or part thereof of its population.

As the Elected Mayor, Mrs Arkley was already nominated to serve on the Association for 2011/12, the Council was entitled to nominate an additional Member representative and substitute.

In making the appointments, the Committee's attention was drawn to ANEC's Constitution which stated that *'in making their nominations, Constituent Authorities are asked to consider (a) political proportionality, and (b) diversity issues'*.

The following nominations were moved and seconded:

Councillor F Lott
Councillor Mrs S E Mortimer

4 votes were cast for Councillor F Lott and 2 votes were cast for Councillor Mrs S E Mortimer.

As Councillor F Lott was currently a substitute member, it was moved and seconded that Councillors T Mulvenna and M Madden become substitute members.

Resolved that (1) Councillor F Lott be appointed as an additional representative of the Council on the Association of North East Councils (ANEC); and
(2) Councillors T Mulvena and M Madden be appointed as substitute members on ANEC.

OB19/12/11 Education Act 2011 – Constitution and Dissolution

The Committee received a report on the implications for the appointment and removal of Authority Governors in relation to the Education Act 2011, which had received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011.

A section of the Act referred to the possibility of regulations being made to include provision for eligibility criteria for a school's local authority governor to be such as may be specified by the school's governing body

While it could not be pre-empted what future legislation may direct, it appeared that there may be some directive given that schools may be given new provisions to specify particular criteria for Authority Governors.

In order to seek schools' views on what skills they thought they might need from newly appointed governors (specifically Authority Governors appointed by the Outside Bodies Committee and Foundation Governors appointed by the North Tyneside Learning Trust) consideration was being given to a mechanism which would collect those views in a way which would assist the Outside Bodies Committee and North Tyneside Learning Trust when appointing governors to maintained schools in North Tyneside.

Resolved that the report be noted.

OB20/12/11 Exclusion Resolution

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test as defined in Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

OB21/12/11 Governor Appointments and Authority Governor Vacancies as at 2 December 2011

The Committee received a schedule detailing all Governor appointments, with details of appointment start and end dates, and Authority Governor vacancies as at 2 December 2011.

Resolved that the report be noted.

OB22/12/11 Authority Governor Appointments

A schedule was submitted, for consideration by the Committee, detailing 3 applications received for appointment to the position of Authority Governor. The appointments were for the statutory 4 year period.

Details of each governing body's current membership were also provided for information.

Members considered each application in turn, with any issues/questions being responded to by Officers.

Resolved that the following applications for appointment to the position of Authority Governor be approved, with immediate effect:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Mrs Jill Prendergast	Denbigh Community Primary School
Mrs Kathleen Milligan	Sir James Knott School
Mr John Yim Chan	Redesdale Primary School

OB23/12/11 Authority Governors Re-Appointments

A schedule was submitted, for consideration by the Committee, detailing 2 applications received for re-appointment to the position of Authority Governor. The appointments were for the statutory four-year period.

Details of the governing body's current membership was provided for information, together with meeting attendance records for the applicants.

Members considered the applications, with any issues/questions being responded to by Officers.

In response to a Member's query, the Committee was advised that officers were looking at devising a mechanism whereby applicants' skills could be match to any skill gaps when considering appointments to governor vacancies.

Resolved that the following applications for re-appointment to the position of Authority Governor be approved; the appointments to commence on 24 January 2012.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Mr R Smith	Carville Primary School
Mrs M Ward	Carville Primary School