

Outside Bodies Committee

4 July 2012

Present: Councillor CA Gambling (Chair) and Councillors A Arkle, B Burdis, Mrs S E Mortimer T Mulvenna, C B Pickard and Mrs J A Wallace.

OB10/07/12 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs L Arkley, Elected Mayor, Councillor J M Allan and Councillor J Pickard.

OB11/07/12 Changes to Committee Membership

It was noted that Councillor Mrs J A Wallace had replaced Mrs L Arkley, Councillor B Burdis had replaced Councillor J M Allan and Councillor T Mulvenna had replaced Councillor J Pickard for this meeting only.

OB12/07/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

OB13/07/12 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2012, with the addition of Councillor F Lott to the Members appointed to the Association of North East Councils, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

OB14/07/12 The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 – Implications for the Appointment of Authority Governors.

The Committee considered a report which detailed the changes to legislation governing how governing bodies could reconstitute their membership from 1 September 2012, particularly in relation to the implications for Local Authority Governor appointments/reappointments. As a result the procedures for the appointment, re-appointment and removal of 'Authority' Governors and Communication with 'Authority' Governors would be subject to change.

The report detailed the present situation and implications of the new legislation. A number of schools would be affected if they became trust schools following consultation during the Summer term/Autumn term.

All maintained schools' governing bodies currently complied with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007 in relation to their membership. From September 2012, a dual system would operate so that governing bodies that wished to retain their current membership, current school name, current terms of office for governors could do so under the 2007 regulations.

From 1 September 2012, any school that wished to make any changes to its Instrument of Government (e.g. change of name, change of membership, change of terms of office), or any school that was required to change its Instrument of Government because of a change of category (e.g. moving to trust status), must comply with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012. Under the new Regulations Schools would be able to veto the nominations made by the Outside Bodies Committee but where possible, actions would be identified by the Governor Services Manager to reduce the occasions when this might happen.

Governing bodies would receive recommendations in the Autumn term from the Governor Services Manager who was proposing that governing bodies be asked to delegate the final appointment of Local Authority Governors who were nominated by the Outside Bodies Committee to the Headteacher and Chair of Governors rather than delaying the appointment of Local Authority governors by holding a full governing body meeting. However, this would have to be checked through the Department for Education, before a final recommendation was made to schools to do this.

Resolved that a system be put in place which provides a clear framework for the direct appointment or nomination for appointment of Local Authority Governors to schools in the Borough.

OB15/07/12 Exclusion Resolution

It was **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.’

OB16/07/12 ‘Authority’ Governor Appointments – Papers Submitted for Information

The following papers were submitted for information:

- Principles of an ‘Authority’ Governor
- The Role of the ‘Authority’ Governor
- Details of All ‘Authority’ Governors, including current vacancies.
- Membership of each school including vacancies

It was **RESOLVED** that the papers be noted

OB17/07/12 Authority Governor Appointments

A schedule was submitted, for consideration by the Committee, detailing 8 applications received for appointment to the position of Authority Governor. The appointments would be for the statutory four-year period.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the following applications for appointment to the position of Authority Governor be approved.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Mrs J Gwilliam	Whitley Lodge First School
Ms C Ivory	Cullercoats Primary School
Mr S Whittingham	Hadrian Park Primary School
Ms A Reid	Monkseaton Middle School
Mr M Galley	Bailey Green Primary School
Mr L Jackson	St Joseph's RC Primary School
Miss M Patterson	George Stephenson High School
Mrs E Hawsworth	Rockliffe First School

OB18/07/12 Authority Governor Re-Appointments

A schedule was submitted, for consideration by the Committee, detailing 16 applications received for re-appointment to the position of Authority Governor. The appointments would be for the statutory four-year period.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the following applications for appointment to the position of Authority Governor be approved.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
Mr B Parvin	Langley First School
Mrs A Foreman	Woodlawn School
Mr A Tatam	Whitehouse Primary School
Mrs M Jackson	Coquet Park First School
Mr R Sneddon	Forest Hall Primary School
Dr L Willey	Marden Bridge Middle School
Mr K Smiles	Marden Bridge Middle School
Mr D Thompson	Marden High School
Mr F Done	Marden High School
Councillor I Grayson	Valley Gardens Middle School
Mrs M Jackson	Whitley Lodges First School
Mrs R Ebani	Priory Primary School
Mr I Gordon	Preston Grange Primary
Mr M McHugh	St Mary's RC Primary School
Mrs M Alderson	Whitley Bay High School
Reverend H Gill	Percy Main Primary School