
Meeting of Executive Members and Children's Services Advisory Panel

15 October 2007

Report of the Director of Learning, Culture and Children's Services

Appointment of Local Authority (LA) School Governors to the York High School Permanent Governing Body

Summary

1. This report provides information about the current position with regard to the LA seats the permanent governing body at York High School and requests that members appoint the nominees listed in Annex 1.

Background

2. During the period of its establishment York High School has been supported by a temporary governing body which was set up in March 2006.
3. In accordance with the New Schools (General)(England) Regulations 2003 the temporary governing body considered models for the constitution of a permanent governing body. At a meeting of the full governing body held on 23 May 2007, it was agreed that the governing body would be made up of 20 members with the following representation:
 - Seven parent governors
 - Four staff governors
 - Four LA governors
 - Five community governors
4. In accordance with the wishes of the temporary governing body and the terms of the Regulations, the LA prepared and made an Instrument of Government which comes into effect on 29 October 2007. This is the date of incorporation and is in line with the legal guidance.

Appointment/election of governors

5. Responsibility for the elections of parent and staff governors is delegated to the school and this is in progress. Community governors will be appointed by the permanent governing body at its first meeting. LA governors are appointed by the Executive Members and Children's Services Advisory Panel.

Consultation

6. All LA governors on the temporary governing body were consulted as to whether they wished to remain on the permanent governing body. One member wished to remain and his nomination is included below. Because all vacancies have not yet been filled, consultation and recruitment is ongoing.

Options

12. Executive Members have the options of appointing/re-appointing or not appointing to fill vacant seats.

Corporate Priorities

13. This is a statutory function, and as a result, not related to specific individual corporate priorities.

Implications

14. There are no financial, legal or HR issues arising from this report.

Risk Management

15. There are no known specific risks associated with this paper. Good active governance arrangements do contribute to effective school management arrangements and, as a result, reduce risks to the organisation.

Recommendations

16. The Executive Member is recommended to appoint LA Governors to the new York High School governing body to fill vacant seats as proposed in Annex 1.

Reason: to ensure that local authority places on school governing bodies continue to be effectively filled

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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Background Papers

New Schools (General)(England) Regulations 2003

Annexes

Annex 1 details the current position of LA governor vacancies and lists those governors who are being nominated for appointment or re-appointment.