

WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**JOINT REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, EDUCATION WALSALL.**

L.E.A. GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT PANEL

13th January 2005

Appointment of Governors to the 'South Willenhall' Primary School Temporary Governing Body.

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request that the Panel appoint the named governors to the 'South Willenhall' Primary School Temporary Governing Body.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Panel is requested to approve a temporary governing body for the 'South Willenhall' Primary School comprised of 20 members as follows;

7 parents

5 staff

4 LEA nominees

4 community

2.2 The Panel is asked to appoint the named governors indicated in 4.1 - 4.4 to the temporary Governing Body of the new South Willenhall Primary School.

3.0 Background

3.1. The School Organisation Committee of 12th July 2004 resolved to close Clothier Street Primary School, Lakeside Primary School and Little London Primary School with effect from 31st August 2006 and establish a new school in South Willenhall. The prospective new school is referred to in this report as the 'South Willenhall Primary School'. However, the Governing Body may ultimately determine a different name for the school. The new school will open on 1st September 2006.

3.2 The Education Act 2002 (Section 34) sets out the main requirements of the arrangements to establish new schools. The detail of the arrangements is set out in Regulations – The New Schools (General) (England) Regulations – Statutory Instrument 2003 No 1558. The provisions of the Regulations are explained more fully in guidance from the DfES – Guidance on the Establishment and Government of New Schools (DfES ref LEA/0214/2003).

3.3 Once a statutory proposal for a new school to be established has been approved, a temporary governing body must be established. The statutory proposal was approved on 12th.

3.4 The LEA is responsible for determining the size and composition of a temporary governing body and for appointing temporary Parent Governors, temporary LEA Governors and temporary Community Governors, within the general provisions set out in the School Governance (Constitution) Regulations. The temporary governing body is responsible for the appointment of temporary Staff Governors.

- 3.5** There has been consultation with the governing bodies of the three existing schools regarding nominations that they might wish to make to the membership of the new temporary Governing Body.
- 3.6** The temporary governing body has a duty to deal with matters relating to the conduct of the school that are required to be determined both before the opening date and before a permanent governing body is constituted. These duties will include the appointment of the Headteacher, the determination of a staffing structure for the school and the recommendation of the size and composition of the substantive governing body to take over responsibility for the school from 1st September 2006.

4.0 Proposed membership of the South Willenhall Primary School Temporary Governing Body

- 4.1** The membership set out below arises from discussions with the Governing Bodies of Clothier Street, Lakeside and Little London Primary Schools.

4.2 Parent governors (7)

Suggested by Clothier Street Primary School Governing Body

Mr Ricky Riggon
Mrs Ruth Millward

Suggested by Lakeside Primary School Governing Body

Mrs Ann Worrall
Mrs Pam Lewis
Miss Louise Jackson

Suggested by Little London Primary School

Mrs H Dowell
Mrs K Jeffs

4.3 LEA governors (4)

Suggested by Clothier Street Primary School Governing Body

Councillor Harold Withall

Suggested by Lakeside Primary School Governing Body

Councillor Sean Coughlan

Suggested by Little London Primary School

Mrs V Birch

Representing Education Walsall

Mr Trevor Edinborough

4.4 Community governors (4)

Suggested by Clothier Street Primary School Governing Body

Mr Andrew Smith

Mrs Debbie Rudd

Suggested by Little London Primary School

Mr B Williams

This leaves one community governor vacancy. It is suggested that this is filled by the new temporary governing body.

4.5 Staff Governors are appointed by the temporary governing body. It is intended to suggest to the temporary governing body that staff governors are appointed or elected as follows;

- Headteacher designate (when appointed)
- 1 member of teaching staff elected from the teaching staff of each of the existing schools, ie a total of three.
- 1 member of support staff elected from the joint support staffs of the existing schools.

4.6 Subject to the agreement of the temporary Governing Body, it is anticipated that the headteachers of the current schools will be associate members of the governing body.

4.7 It is anticipated that the first meeting of the new Governing Body will take place at the end of January 2005.

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