

15 June 2015**Agenda Item: 13****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION STANDARDS AND
INCLUSION****AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS AND
LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL
GOVERNING BODIES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To note new appointments to Authority governor vacancies and re-appointments of Authority governors who reach the end of their term of office during the period 1 March to 30 April 2015 and have indicated their willingness to serve a further four year term of office.
2. To note the appointment of parent, Authority, community and staff governors to the shadow governing body of Burton Joyce Primary School.
3. To note the nomination and appointment of Local Authority governors to reconstituted governing bodies.

Information and Advice

4. The Corporate Director for Children, Families and Cultural Services has delegated authority to approve school governor appointments for which the Council has responsibility. This includes Authority governors in schools which have not yet reconstituted and academies. He is required to report the decisions quarterly to the Children and Young People's Committee.
5. Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended by the School Governance (Constitution and Federations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 governing bodies of maintained schools must reconstitute to a skills-based model of governance by September 2015 and are allowed one Local Authority governor on the reconstituted governing body. For this model of governance, governing bodies may set eligibility criteria for, and appoint, the Local Authority governor. Nominations are made by the County Council, in accordance with the eligibility criteria provided by the governing body, and are then considered by the governing body for appointment. This report includes appointments made by governing bodies during this period.

6. Nottinghamshire County Council has the statutory duty to establish a shadow governing body for schools in transition from an Interim Executive Board, as set out in “The School Governance (Transition from an Interim Executive Board) (England) Regulations 2010”.
7. The Interim Executive Board of Burton Joyce Primary School made recommendations on the skills required for the shadow governing body. The governors appointed to the Burton Joyce Shadow Governing Body have the required skills to:
 - support the school’s general strategic development
 - Identify the strengths and challenges of the school
 - address the future development of the children and their individual and group needs
 - ensure the financial stability of the school.

Authority governor appointments and reappointments to school governing bodies

8. In line with the procedures set out in the Local Authority’s governor recruitment procedures officers sought new nominations to outstanding vacancies from political parties and from school governing bodies.
9. A number of Authority governors who were approaching the end of their term of office were identified and each governor was asked whether he or she would be willing to serve as an Authority governor for a further term of four years. Those governors re-appointed had indicated their willingness to be re-nominated.
10. The new appointments and re-appointments of Authority governors, which are made subject to the successful completion of appropriate checks, are as listed below:

New appointments

BASSETLAW	
St Anne’s CofE (Aided) Primary (Worksop)	Mr Matthew James Smith
NEWARK	
Lowe’s Wong Anglican Methodist Junior	Mrs Penelope Mary Holland

Reappointments

ASHFIELD	
Greenwood Primary and Nursery	Councillor Linford Gibbons
GEDLING	
Robert Mellors Primary and Nursery	Councillor John Michael Parr
NEWARK	
Blidworth Oaks Primary	Mrs Susie Adele Bergenroth

RUSHCLIFFE	
Kinoulton Primary	Mr Peter John Foale

Appointment of parent, Authority, community and staff governors to the shadow governing body of Burton Joyce Primary School

GEDLING	
Burton Joyce Primary School	<p>Authority governor: Mrs G Lane</p> <p>Community governor: Dr L Morley</p> <p>Parent governors: Mrs Tracey Ann Anderson Mrs Catherine Sally Fletcher Mr Lyndon Wyn Williams Ms Zoe Mouter</p> <p>Staff governors: Mr Phil Palmer Mrs Jenny Cook</p>

Local Authority governor nominations and appointments to reconstituted governing bodies

11. Local Authority governors nominated by the County Council and appointed by school governing bodies during the period 1 February to 31 May, 2015 are as follows:

ASHFIELD	
Jeffries Primary and Nursery	Mrs Sandra Jean Ryl
BASSETLAW	
Ranby C of E VC Primary	Mrs Dorothy Ellen Hayes
BROXTOWE	
Round Hill Primary	Mrs Hilary Margaret Craik
MANSFIELD	
Nettleworth Infant and Nursery	Mr Terry Harris-Ellis
RUSHCLIFFE	
Crossdale Drive Primary	Councillor John Elliott Cottee

Other Options Considered

12. There are no other options. The County Council has a statutory duty to ensure governor vacancies are filled without undue delay.
13. Nottinghamshire County Council's strategy for recruiting and retaining school governors includes the re-appointment of existing governors. The County Council sees many advantages in retaining experienced governors and actively seeks to encourage governors approaching their end of term of office to stand again either in the same school or in a different school. The appointments made ensure the retention and supply of experienced governors.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Public Sector Equality Duty Implications

15. New nominations have been encouraged and received from a broad range of sources. We welcome applications from all types of people, especially those from ethnic minority communities and other under-represented groups such as disabled people.
16. All existing Authority governors approaching the end of their term of office have had the opportunity to put themselves forward for re-nomination.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) new appointments to Authority governor vacancies and re-appointments of Authority governors, who reach the end of their term of office during the period 1 March to 30 April 2015, for schools who have not yet reconstituted, as listed in paragraph 10, are noted.
- 2) the appointment of parent, Authority, community and staff governors to the shadow governing body of Burton Joyce Primary School, as listed in paragraph 10, is noted.
- 3) the nomination and appointment of Local Authority governors to reconstituted governing bodies, as listed in paragraph 11, are noted.

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Constitutional Comments

17. As the report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (SS 01/06/15)

18. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Completed Authority governor nomination forms

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Kirkby-in-Ashfield North	Cllr John Knight
Worksop West	Cllr Kevin Greaves
Misterton	Cllr Liz Yates
Beeston North	Cllr Steve Carr
Carlton East	Cllr Nikki Brooks and Cllr John Clarke
Arnold North	Cllr Pauline Allan and Cllr Michael Payne
Mansfield North	Cllr Joyce Bosnjak and Cllr Parry Tsimbiridis
Blidworth	Cllr Yvonne Woodhead
Southwell and Caunton	Cllr Bruce Laughton
Keyworth	Cllr John Cottee

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