

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE

1st October 2013

Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL GOVERNORS – NEWBOLD SCHOOL

1 Purpose of the Report

To appoint two additional governors to the Governing Body of Newbold Community School.

2. Information and Analysis

Newbold Community School was inspected by Ofsted on 14 May 2013. The inspection identified weaknesses, and issued a report stating that the school required Special Measures, under Section 13(1)(a) Education Act 2005. The School therefore became “eligible for intervention” within Part 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

On 18 June 2013 the Authority applied to the Secretary of State for consent to establish an Interim Executive Board for the School, as the Local Authority is empowered to do under Section 65 of the 2006 Act. This application has been rejected and the Secretary of State has indicated an intention to act under his own powers to establish an Interim Executive Board. An Ofsted Special Measures Monitoring Inspection took place on 19 September 2013, and Her Majesty’s Inspector commented on the need for the Governing Body of Newbold School to be suitably supported during the period of uncertainty. The Inspector expressed the view that, if suitably supported, the existing governors have the potential to pick up the full responsibilities of governance. However, he reported that due to the delays in determining the make-up of the proposed Interim Executive Board, the existing Governing Body has suffered from the uncertainties created by this situation and this has restricted the ability of the Governing Body to substantially reform itself and appoint new governors to existing vacancies.

Under Section 64 Education and Inspections Act 2006, a Local Authority has the power to appoint such number of additional governors as they think fit to a maintained school which is eligible for intervention.

In light of the Inspector’s comments, the Authority is proposing to act swiftly to support the School by appointing strong and suitable additional governors, in accordance with its powers under Section 64 of the 2006 Act. The proposed additional governors are:

1. Mr Peter Handford
2. Mr Alan Kelly

3. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, legal & human rights, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Key Decision?

No.

5. Background Papers

6. Officers' Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member agrees the appointment of the individuals named in the report as additional members of the Governing Body of Newbold Community School.

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