SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS PANEL

MEETING, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2014

Present – Councillors McKeon (Chairman), Hall (as deputy for Councillor Mrs. Fairclough), Morris, Murray and Mrs. Thomas.

Also in attendance:-

Mr J. Ashworth	Lead Officer, Governor Support
Mr I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies foe absences were tabled on behalf of Councillors Ashcroft, Mrs. Fairclough and Peel.

Councillor McKeon, Chairman

7. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the School Governor Appointments Panel held on 29th October, 2014 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be signed as a correct record.

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved - That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the 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 specified in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in its exemption outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

9. APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report which requested members to consider the appointment/re-appointment of Local Authority Governors in accordance with the Bolton Code of Practice.

He also tabled a copy of the current criteria / person specification for appointments.

Mr. Ashworth also explained to the meeting that HM Government was conducting a consultation exercise in respect of the constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools in England. The consultation sets out proposed changes to the regulations and guidance that govern the constitution of governing bodies and federations of maintained schools in England.
The meeting was informed that the main context of the proposal was to simplify the overall legislative framework by ensuring there was a single consistent approach across all maintained schools and enable more effective governanace by ensuring that the key consideration in decisions about constitution and membership of governing bodies was the skills required to be effective.

Mr. Ashworth went on to explain matters around the envisaged key changes and the lieky impact on the Authority.

In conclusion, it was indicated, that the consultation was launched on 13th January, 2014 and would close on 14th March, 2014. HM Government's intention was to lay amendments to the regulations in the spring of 2014, to come into force from 1st September, 2014.
Chairs of Governors had been informed of the consultation on 20th January, 2014.

Resolved – (i) That the following appointments be made to the Governing Bodies indicated, viz:-

Bowness Primary School	-	Mrs. C. Galasso
Castle Hill Primary School	-	Mr. A. Shepherd
Chorley New Road Primary School	-	Cllr McKeon
Claypool Primary School	-	Dr. G. Joseph
Egerton Primary School	-	Ms. D. Jones
Highfield Primary School	-	Cllr A. Ismail
Ladywood School	-	Mr. D. Ward
Markland Hill Primary School	-	Mrs. A. Dewhurst
Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary	-	Mr. R. Harris
Pikes Lane Primary School	-	Mr. J. Gallagher
Prestolee Primary School	-	Cllr C. Burrows
St. Michael's CE Primary School	-	Mr. I. Pandeya

(ii) That the Governors and Management Committee Members attached to the report, whose terms of office have just expired or are due to expire, be re-appointed.

(iii) That a meeting of the Children's Services, Safeguarding and Skills Policy Development Group be covened to discuss matters around the proposed changes to the regulations and guidance that govern the constitution of

governing bodies and federations of maintained schools in England and also to consider the Council's response.

(The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 10.36am)