## SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS PANEL

MEETING, 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014

Present – Councillors Mrs Thomas (Chairman), Mrs Fairclough, McKeon, Morris, Murray and Peel.

Also in attendance:-

Mr J. Ashworth Lead Officer, Governor Services

Mr I. D. Mulholland Principal Democratic Services Officer

An apology for absence was tabled on behalf of Councillor Ashcroft.

Councillor Mrs Thomas, Chairman

## 4. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the School Governor Appointments Panel held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 were submitted.

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

## 5. 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.

## 6. 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.

A copy of the current criteria / person specification for appointments was also tabled.

The report referred to the recent changes in the way Local Authority Governor appointments were made, following changes in legislation and that in the light of those changes the Panel needed to review the principles and processes for appointments in respect of the Bolton Code of practice.

Mr. Ashworth tabled a copy of the current Code of Practice and a proposed new version for the purposes of discussion.

Resolved – (i) That a decision on the appointment of Local Authority Governors due to vacancies be deferred pending consideration of the current full list of Local Authority Governors covering the Bolton Council area.

- (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 the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader be asked to agree the revided Code of Practice for the appointment of Local Authority Governors subject to the addition of reference to all staff (teaching and non-teaching) to paragraph 4.5, the addition of reference to local ward Councillors having the opportunity to represent their area and the inclusion of the need for there to be appropriate training.
- (iv) That an updated copy of the draft Code of Practice referred to at (iii) above be circulated to Members of this Panel.
- (v) That a list of all serving Local Authoirty Governors be provided to the Chairman of the Panel.

(The meeting started at 10.00am and finished at 10.55am)