#### SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS PANEL

MEETING, 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2014

Present – Councillors Mrs. Thomas (Chairman), Mrs. Fairclough, G. Harkin (as deputy for Councillor Sherrington), Morris, Murray, Peel and A. Walsh (as deputy for Councillor Ashcroft).

## Also in attendance:-

Mr J. Ashworth Lead Officer, Governor Support

Mrs V. Ridge Deputy Democratic Services Manager

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ashcroft and Sherrington.

Councillor Mrs. Thomas in the Chair

#### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the School Governor Appointments Panel held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 were submitted.

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

### 2. 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.

# 3. APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

The Director of Children's and Adult 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.

Mr. Ashworth also reminded members that the Government had invited responses to a consultation exercise in respect of the constitution of governing bodies. 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.

Members were advised that the outcome of the consultation was that The School Governance Constitution and Federation Regulations 2007 would be revoked and all maintained schools that did not already follow the 2012 Regulations would have to do so by 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2015. It was explained that the Governor Services Team on behalf of the Local Authority were suggesting that the process of reconstitution commenced from the 2014 autumn term Governing Body meetings and advice and support was currently being issued through Governing Body meeting agendas, briefings and circulars.

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

Ladybridge Primary School - Mrs. Z. Khan
St Ethelbert's RC Primary School - Mrs. J. Townley
St Michaels CE Primary School - Mrs. H. Morgan

St James CE Farnworth Primary

School - Ms. J. Gardener St. Gregory's RC Primary School - Miss. S. Najak Mytham Primary School - Mrs. J. Malone

St. Matthews CE Little Lever

Primary School - Mr. S. Channell Grosvenor Nursery - Miss. B. Skelly Kearsley West Primary School - Mrs. S. Scott

- (ii) That, in respect of Westhoughton High School, this appointment be deferred, due to a possible reduction in the size of the Governing Body, and it be noted that in respect of, Susan Isaacs Nursery, the vacancy has now been withdrawn due to a reduction in the size of the Governing Body.
- (iii) 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 with the exception of Sharples School as Mr. F. Prest is not seeking re-election.
- (iv) That, in light of the outcome of recent consultation, a revised Bolton Code of Practice for Local Authority Government Appointments be produced

(The meeting started at 2.30 p.m. and finished at 3.00 p.m.)