

AGENDA ITEM 4

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

27 SEPTEMBER 2010

**SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES – PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE FOR
APPOINTMENT/REMOVAL OF AUTHORITY GOVERNORS**

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To consider a Protocol for Appointment and Re-Appointment of Authority Governors and Procedures for the Removal of Authority Governors.

BACKGROUND

2. The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003, Regulation 6, states that the Governing Bodies of all categories of maintained schools have at least one Governor appointed by the Local Authority. In some categories of school the Authority Governors account for up to one-fifth of Governing Body Membership.
3. Corporate Affairs Committee have delegated responsibility from Middlesbrough Council to consider any representations for appointment, re-appointment and removal of Governors.
4. Governor Development Service, on behalf of the Executive Director for Children, Families and Learning, consults with Corporate Affairs Committee on all matters relating to the appointment, re-appointment and removal of Authority Governors.
5. Currently there is no formal protocol for appointment and re-appointment of Authority Governors. In addition there is no procedure for removing Authority Governors and, if approved, this procedure would be adopted from the Autumn Term 2010 as the method for the transparent and equitable removal of Authority Governors.

6. Ward Implications – All wards.
7. Legal Implications – The LA has a duty to appoint, re-appoint and/or remove Authority Governors.

PROPOSALS

8. It is recommended that consideration be given to adoption of the Protocol for the Appointment and Re-Appointment of Authority Governors and the Procedures for the Removal of Authority Governors, attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Financial – No implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. It is recommended the Protocol for the Appointment, Re-Appointment of Authority Governors and the Procedures for the Removal of Authority Governors, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, be approved.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
 - School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003.

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