

AGENDA ITEM 4

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2011

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

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To consider the outcome of the consultation with School Governing Bodies on a protocol for appointment and re-appointment of Local Authority Governors and procedures for the removal of Local Authority Governors.

BACKGROUND

2. The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007, 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 Local 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 Local 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 Local Authority Governors and, if approved, this procedure would be adopted from the Autumn Term 2011 as the method for the transparent and equitable appointment and removal process of Local Authority Governors.
6. The draft protocol (see appendix 1) has been considered as an agenda item at all Governing Body meetings during the Spring Term 2011. Five Governing Bodies made a formal response for consideration by the committee (see appendix 2) and the remainder noted the adoption of the protocol.

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

PROPOSALS

9. The protocol for the Appointment and Re-Appointment of Local Authority Governors and the procedures for the removal of Local Authority Governors, attached at Appendix 1 to this report be adopted.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. Financial – No implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is recommended the protocol for the appointment, re-appointment of Local Authority Governors and the procedures for the removal of Local Authority Governors, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, be approved and adopted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
 - School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007.

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