

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2011

GOVERNING BODY LA PROTOCOL FEEDBACK

Ayresome/Archibald

- Corporate Affairs nominate Ward Councillors for Authority Governor positions, which could impact on the school Governing Body who rely on Local Authority and Community Governors. This could have an impact for the Governing Body particularly if they re-constitute to a smaller Governing Body.

Captain Cook

- School needs to be informed who is appointed with background information given on the successful candidate and an indication of why the candidate was successful;
- Any candidate appointed is a representative of the school and should act accordingly;
- Some confusion was caused three years ago when the school believed that someone who had expressed an interest to the school in joining the governing body would be appointed only for Corporate Affairs Committee to appoint someone completely different who was unknown to the school.

Kader

- This category of governor is imposed on schools by the LA and governors would want clarification that potential candidates are being appointed for the right reasons;
- The expectations for LA governors appear to be different to any other category of governor, such as requirements for them to attend briefing sessions particularly targeted to them. It could also imply that LA governors were briefed on matters separately from other governors;
- Any information relating to the removal of a governor should be communicated to at least the Chairman of Governors;
- What exactly is the Governor Development Service's role in the process and why is it their responsibility to report to the Corporate Affairs Committee?

In answer to the last query, the Clerk confirmed that because the Governor Development Service is responsible for the recruitment and retention of school governors, and LA governors form part of the governing body they are required to liaise closely with the Corporate Affairs Committee who on behalf of the Local Authority and in line with the School Governance Constitution Regulations 2007 have responsibility for appointing LA governors.

North Ormesby

- In the past a number of LA appointed governors had not added any value to the governing body as they had not understood the requirements of the role and had made no impact.
- Failed to attend meetings and no apologies were received.
- Corporate Affairs Committee should consider the needs of schools before making an appointment.

Thorntree

- Their LA Representative had failed to attend a meeting. He had however sent a letter to the Head Teacher apologising for not attending a meeting. It was suggested therefore that LA reps should be informed of what the role entailed before they were appointed.