

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting30th September 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Establishment of a temporary governing body for the proposed new Community Primary school in Billingham

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that detailed the need to establish a temporary school Governing Body for the proposed new community primary school in Billingham.

Cabinet was reminded that on 5 November 2009 it had considered the proposal to discontinue Bewley Infant School and Bewley Junior School with effect from 31 August 2011, and to establish a new primary school with effect from 1 September 2011.

The Statutory Notice was published on 14 November 2009, and the proposal was approved by the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator on 23 March 2010.

As a result there was a need to establish a temporary Governing Body to oversee the opening of the new school.

The temporary Governing Body would have a total membership of 16, comprising six Parent, three Staff, three Local Authority and four Community Governorships.

The Local Authority appoints the Local Authority and Community Governors and the Local Authority appointments will be dealt with in accordance with the procedure for the appointment of school governors approved as Minute 84 of the Cabinet (11 May 2000).

It was proposed that Mrs B Rolfe, Mr N Fallon, Mrs L Ward and Reverend T Parker, who were all serving as governors on either Bewley Infant School or Bewley Junior School Governing Bodies, fill the Community governorships.

Where a temporary Governing Body was established due to the closure of two existing schools, the Local Authority must allow some or all of the

temporary Parent and Staff governors to be appointed by the outgoing Governing Bodies of the schools that are to close.

It was proposed that all of the Parent and two of the Staff governorships be filled by the outgoing Governing Bodies, and the remaining Staff governorship be reserved for the Headteacher designate.

If for whatever reason any of the appointments were subsequently declined, there would be a need to ensure that the resulting vacancies were filled as soon as possible. It was, therefore, proposed that delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Children, Education and Social Care, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to appoint to any vacancies arising from declined appointments.

RESOLVED that

1. a temporary Governing Body with a total membership of 16 governorships be established for the new community primary school in Billingham.
2. the two outgoing Governing Bodies of Bewley Infant School and Bewley Junior School be empowered to appoint six parent and two staff governors between themselves.
3. Mrs B Rolfe, Mr N Fallon, Mrs L Ward and Reverend T Parker be appointed to the temporary Governing Body as Community Governors;
4. Delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Children, Education and Social Care, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to appoint to any vacancies arising from declined appointments.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Under the terms of Section 34 the Education Act 2002 and in line with the requirements of the School Governance (New Schools)(England) Regulations 2007, local authorities must establish a temporary Governing Body where a new school is to be established which the authority intends to maintain.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 8 October 2010.

Proper Officer
04 May 2010