

LEA GOVERNOR ALLOCATION

Meeting held on Thursday 3 March 2005 at 10.30 am

Present: Cllr W Hyde
Cllr P Gruen
Cllr S Bentley
Cllr D Blackburn
Cllr T Leadley
Sajid Lunat, Governor Support Service
Sheila Speedy, Governor Support Service

Cllr Hyde reported that a recommendation from Education Leeds that the Executive Board approve the adoption of a “pool system” for the appointment of all LEA governors had been turned down.

The meeting discussed how the present system of allocating LEA governor places might be improved. The following was agreed:

- LEA governor vacancies will be allocated on a ward party basis.
- GSS will liaise with the relevant party Member, ie Cllr Gruen (Labour), Cllr Hyde (Conservative), Cllr Bentley (Liberal Democrat), Cllr D Blackburn (Green) and Cllr Leadley (Morley Independents)
- When a place becomes vacant, following a resignation, the relevant ward party will be informed and asked to find a replacement.
- After a period of four month’s the vacancy may be filled by Governor Support Service via the pool system.
- Three months before an LEA governor’s term of office is due to end;
 1. GSS will contact the governor concerned to find out if they wish to continue for a further term.
 2. GSS will gather a profile of governor concerned (ie attendance record, length of time on governing body, offices held)
 3. GSS inform the relevant ward party Councillor of the approaching end of term, the governor’s intentions and the profile
 4. The ward party Councillor will inform GSS whether to re-appoint the governor or not.
 5. When a governor, who was originally nominated by another party is re-appointed, the place stays with the relevant ward party.
 6. When a governor is not reappointed, GSS will write to the governor concerned explaining the reason and thanking them for their work and inviting them to become a governor at another school.

- In the case of split wards, it was agreed that LEA governor representation would reflect the ward split.
- GSS would keep an overview of LEA governor representation to ensure that the split ward proportions were maintained.
- It was agreed in principle, that MIP would be compensated for places allocated to other parties in the Morley wards.
- It was agreed to allow flexibility for parties to negotiate on individual seats amongst themselves. The relevant ward party Member would inform GSS of any deviation from the ward basis allocation.
- GSS would provide Councillors with a copy of LEA/School Relations Code of Practice?
- GSS would provide additional information on vacancies by party, places allocated by the pool system and LEA governor places by party per ward