



CABINET – 27TH JULY 2016

SUBJECT: ISLWYN HIGH SCHOOL – INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

REPORT BY: CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the Cabinet's agreement on an Instrument of Government to establish the Governing Body for Islwyn High School, which will be established from September 2016.
- 1.2 All proposals are made, having regard to the statutory Instruments 2005 No 2912 (W209) Education, Wales, The New Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Cabinet endorses the following:
 - the Instrument of Government for Islwyn High School;
 - the process to appoint the Governing Body, as identified in section 4 of the report; and,
 - confirm the name as Islwyn High School.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The report links directly to the Education for Life, sustainability and regeneration strategies.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The size of a permanent governing body and those persons responsible for making the appointment is specified in legislation. The constitution of the Governing Body has been based upon that of a Community Secondary School with 600 or more pupils, as this is the largest option available and mirrors the constitution of the Temporary Governing Body.
- 4.2 The composition of the Governing Body; therefore, will be: -

6 Parents
5 LEA
2 Teachers
1 Staff
5 Community
Headteacher

The total number of governors is 20.

- 4.3 There is no automatic transfer of governors from the temporary to the permanent Governing Body. All appointments are made in accordance with the regulations, the details of which are set out below: -
- 4.3.1 A) Parent Governors
- Parent Governors are elected (after the school opening date) by the parents of registered pupils at the new school and must himself/ herself be such a parent at the time when he or she is elected. The process for electing parent governors must be conducted as set out in Schedule 1 of the Government of Maintained School (Wales) Regulations 2005.
- It is proposed that Governor Support will provide copies of a model letter (nomination form) to the Headteacher to be circulated to parents. Should there be more applicants than places a ballot will be completed with parents.
- 4.3.2 B) Teaching and Staff Representatives
- Teaching and Staff representatives must be elected in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005, after the opening date of the school.
- The function of election of teaching and staff representatives may be delegated to the Headteacher/Governing Body of a school, so it is proposed that this be the case with Islwyn High School. The appropriate advice and guidance will be provided for this purpose.
- 4.3.3 C) LA Representatives
- Council representatives will be elected in accordance with the above regulations. The current system for appointment is through the Governor Selection Panel.
- 4.3.4 D) Community Governors
- Community Governors (formerly known as co-opted) are elected by the Governing Body itself. Therefore, as soon as all other positions have been filled, the Governing Body will meet to determine the membership of the community governors.
- 4.3.5 E) Headteacher
- The Headteacher will automatically be appointed as a Governor unless he advises the Governing Body otherwise.
- 4.4 At the point when all the parent, staff, teacher and LA governors are in place, a meeting must be arranged to decide upon the Community governors. On the date of incorporation the governing body of the new school must be constituted under the instrument of government.
- 5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**
- 5.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken in conjunction with the WG business case processes.
- 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**
- 6.1 There are no financial implications related to this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications related to this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 A full list of consultees are shown.

8.2 All views have been incorporated into the report.

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 That the Governing Body is constituted in line with the proposals contained in this report.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

10.1 To confirm the arrangements as identified in paragraph 2.1 above.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Statutory Instruments 2005 No 2912 (W209) Education, Wales, The New Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005.

11.2 This is a Cabinet function.

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