

Monmouthshire County Council

RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS FOR EDUCATION APPEAL PANELS – VOLUNTEER

SCHOOL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK ACT 1998

Monmouthshire County Council is required to establish education appeal panels to hear appeals regarding the admission and exclusion of pupils. We are looking to recruit both lay members and experienced members to sit on these panels. The local authority must appoint either 3 or 5 members to each panel. Each panel must consist of at least one lay member and one person with experience in education.

To be considered as a lay member, you must:

- (a) be a person **without** personal experience in the management of any school or the provision of education in any school (other than as a school Governor or in another voluntary capacity would be permitted), and not have, nor at any time have had, any connection with the local education authority, or any person who is a member of, or employed by, the authority. or if there is another reason to call into question their ability to act in an impartial manner.

To be considered as an education member:

- (a) be a person with experience in education, who is acquainted with educational conditions in the area of the authority, or who is the parent of a pupil registered at another school.

As a panel member you are eligible to receive allowances for financial loss, travel, and subsistence in line with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

Appeal panels will hear appeals from pupils in both primary and secondary schools. Panel normally sit between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Those appointed to the appeals will always be consulted as to their availability for attendance at hearings on particular day.

These Panels ensure a fair and independent hearing for those parents or carers who are not satisfied with the local authority's decision to refuse their child a place at a particular school and to hear appeals against decisions to exclude pupils from schools in Monmouthshire.

As a panel member you will need to be impartial, objective, sensitive, and keen to contribute. Those persons appointed will receive training prior to sitting on an appeal panel.

For more information or an informal chat, please contact Claire Williams, Legal Services via clairewilliams@monmouthshire.gov.uk

An application form can be obtained from:

legal@monmouthshire.gov.uk or

Legal Services – Education Appeal Panel Members Recruitment
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Closing date: 28 days from the date of this Notice posted 9/2/22