

Council of Governors (in Public)

Item 13.2

Subject: Governor Elections Update
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 17th September 2024
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Purpose of Report: To Receive

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the outcome of the recent Governor elections.

Following a communications campaign, the Trust was pleased to fill five out of the seven vacant seats.

Kim Crowe (Merseyside) and Margaret Roberts (North Wales) will join the Council of Governors and commence in their roles at the end of the Annual Members' Meeting on 17th September 2024. In addition to this, David Bromilow (Merseyside), Ray Davis (Cheshire) and Denis McAllister (Cheshire) have been re-elected for a further three-year term.

Councillor Richard McLean has also been appointed by Liverpool City Council as their Nominated Governor representative. Cllr McLean joined the Council of Governors on 29th July 2024.

The Trust are pleased to welcome all new governors and existing governors that have been re-elected. Thank you to Joan Burgen (North Wales) for her dedication and commitment during her time in the role. Joan will conclude her term of office at the AMM.

The Council of Governors are requested to support a further governor election process later this year to fill the two vacant seats in Rest of England & Wales and Cheshire geographical areas.

2. Governor Election Results

Civica Election Services (CES) were appointed to act as the independent electoral administrator for the election process. The elections were held in accordance with the Model Election Rules contained within our Trust Constitution.

Constituency/Class	Elected Governor(s)	Number of Seats	Election
Public/Merseyside	David Bromilow Kim Crowe	2	Contested (6 candidates for 2 seats)
Public/North Wales	Margaret Roberts	1	Uncontested

Public/Cheshire	Ray Davis Denis McAllister Vacant	3	Uncontested
Public/Rest of England & Wales	Vacant	1	No candidate nominations received

All successful candidates will undertake a three-year term of office starting at the end of the Annual Members' Meeting on Monday 17th September 2024.

The Uncontested Report (13.2a) and Report of Voting (13.2b) are attached for information.

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3. Next Steps

A communications campaign and governor election process will be launched in October to seek interested candidates from the hard-to-reach Rest of England and Wales constituency and from the Cheshire geographical area.

Following the success of previous elections, the nomination process will run entirely online and ballot papers will be delivered by email with a link to online voting when possible. For members without an email address ballot papers will be sent by post with the option to vote online or by post. An email reminder will be used where possible to encourage voting.

If Governors have any queries, relating to the election timetable or process, they are invited to contact Gill Donnelly, Membership and Communications Officer or Civica Election Services who can advise on this further.

4. Recommendations

The Council of Governors is requested to receive the results from the recent governor elections and support the process commencing later this year.