

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER

#### RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

##### 1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the re-appointment of suitable candidates to serve as authority governors.

##### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Authority governors are expected to play a key role regarding school improvement by supporting the council's ambitions and policies, which will help raise standards and improve outcomes for children and young people.
- 2.2 Governing bodies are constituted under either the 2007 Constitution Regulations or the 2012 Constitution Regulations. Depending upon which regulations a governing body is constituted, will determine the appointments process. These differences are described below:
- **Appointments to a governing body constituted under 2007 regulations:** Any authority governor appointments made by the Cabinet Member to a governing body constituted under the 2007 regulations are binding. The governing body must accept the appointment.
  - **Appointments to a governing body constituted under 2012 regulations:** Under these regulations, the Cabinet Member is able to nominate the authority governor appointment. The person thereafter is appointed by the governing body having, in the opinion of the governing body, met any eligibility criteria that they have set.
- 2.3 When an authority governor's term of office is near completion, the incumbent governor may request re-appointment. Governors' requests for re-appointment are, therefore, submitted to the Cabinet Member for consideration.

##### 3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 **Option 1:** To re-appoint applicants to designated governing bodies.
- Option 2:** To not re-appoint applicants.

#### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

##### **4.1 Option 1:**

4.1.1 This option enables those governors wishing to continue to serve on the school governing body to do so and retains experienced governors.

##### **4.2 Option 2**

4.2.1 If an applicant was not re-appointed, the authority vacancy levels would be increased. However, it would not be appropriate to re-appoint candidates who were unable to undertake the duties required by authority governors.

#### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 None.

#### **6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 An integrated impact assessment has not been undertaken in respect of this decision. The appointment of authority governors is determined in accordance with:

- The Education School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007
- The Education School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012

#### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 None

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that option 1 be implemented.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

The Education School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007.

The Education School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.

Guidance for Authority/Local Authority Governors - 2013