

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**PEOPLE SERVICE CABINET MEMBER**

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS – INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR FREDERICK  
GOUGH SCHOOL – A SPECIALIST LANGUAGE COLLEGE**

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

To consider approving a new Instrument of Government to be effective immediately.

**1.1 The key points to note are as follows:-**

- The school is currently called “Frederick Gough School – A Specialist Language College”.
- Governors wish to change the name to “Frederick Gough School”.
- In addition, the constitution of the governing body will also need to be changed, in accordance with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.3 In order for a governing body to change the name of a community school, it must have a new Instrument of Government approved through the council’s democratic process.

2.4 Following the enactment of the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, any proposal to introduce a new Instrument of Government automatically requires the governing body to reconstitute itself with reference to new constitutional arrangements.

2.5 All members of the current governing body have all expressed a wish to continue. The new Instrument of Government reflects this wish and incorporates sufficient number of places to accommodate all current governors.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 **Option 1:** To approve the proposed Instrument of Government (appendix A).
- 3.2 **Option 2:** Not to approve the proposed Instrument of Government.

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

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

- 4.1 If the instrument of government was approved the school name would be changed to “Frederick Gough School” and the constitution would be changed in accordance with the new regulations (appendix A).
- 4.2 The size of the governing body would not differ, although the designation of a number of governors would change in line with the reconstitution regulations. Appendix B provides a summary of proposed changes to the constitution.

#### **4.2 Option 2**

- 4.2 If the new instrument of government was not approved the school name would still be known as Frederick Gough School – A Specialist Language College and the constitution of the governing body would remain unchanged.

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

- 5.1 None

### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

- 6.1 Statutory

The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012

### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The governing body considered a revised name for the school, and a revised constitution for the governing body. Their proposal is detailed in appendix A.

### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that approval be given to the instrument of government for Frederick Gough School with immediate effect.

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**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

- 1 The name of the school is Frederick Gough School
- 2 The school is a community school.
- 3 The name of the governing body is “the governing body of Frederick Gough School”.
- 4 The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) 7 x parent governors;
  - (b) 1 x local authority governor;
  - (c) 1 x head teacher governor;
  - (d) 1 x staff governor;
  - (d) 10 x co-opted governors (2 of whom will be staff) ;
- 5 Total number of governors 20.
- 6 This Instrument of Government comes into effect in December 2013
- 7 This Instrument was made by order of North Lincolnshire Local Education Authority in December 2013
- 8 A copy of the Instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the head teacher if not a governor).

Comparison between Current and Proposed Constitution

Current		Proposed	
5	Community	7	parent governors;
4	Authority	1	local authority governor;
1	Head Teacher	1	head teacher governor;
1	Staff	1	staff governor;
1	Support		
1	Teaching		
7	Parents	10	co-opted governors (2 of whom will be staff)
<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>	

The proposed constitution is based on the new The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.