

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**PEOPLE SERVICE CABINET MEMBER**

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS – INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR  
ALTHORPE AND KEADBY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

1.1 To consider approving the Instrument of Government, to be effective from 1 January 2014 for Althorpe and Keadby Primary School

1.2 The key point to note is as follows:-

- On 4 December 2013 the governing body approved a suggested change to the Instrument of Government in accordance with The School Governance(Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.1 In order for a governing body to change its size it must have a new instrument of government. A change to the instrument of government, post September 2012, requires a revision of the constitution in accordance with the above regulations.

2.2 The new instrument of government details the change in the constitution the governing body would like to make.

2.3 The governing body would like to reduce the total number of governors from 14 to 10 for the following reasons:-

- a) currently there are a number of vacancies on the governing body
- b) as part of an ongoing process to develop and improve governance and build on the strengths of the governing body and following an Ofsted inspection it is felt that a smaller, more focussed governing body comprising of committed governors would be better able to provide support and challenge

2.4 The governing body would like to increase the number of co-opted governors (previously community governors) to increase its flexibility to appoint the appropriate skills required on the governing body.

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

- 3.1 One option available would be to approve the instrument of government for Althorpe and Keadby Primary School (Appendix A); the current instrument of government is also attached (Appendix B).
- 3.2 The other option would be not to approve the revised instrument of government.

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

- 4.1 If the instrument of government was approved the number of vacancies on the governing body would be reduced. The governing body would also be in a better position to attract co-opted governors who have appropriate skills for the governing body.
- 4.2 If the new instrument of government was not approved the governing body would still have a number of vacancies. It would also not have the flexibility to increase the number of co-opted governors and as a consequence could experience difficulties in attracting governors with specific skills to their governing body.

#### **4.3 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 the composition of the governing body. The attached instrument is the result of the discussions held at the governing body meeting.

### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that approval be given to the instrument of government for Althorpe and Keadby Primary School with effect from 1 January 2014.

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**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

- 1 The name of the school is Althorpe and Keadby Primary School.
- 2 The school is a community school.
- 3 The name of the governing body is “the governing body of Althorpe and Keadby Primary School”.
- 4 The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) 2 x parent governors;
  - (b) 1 x LA governor;
  - (c) 1 x head teacher;
  - (d) 1 x staff governor;
  - (e) 5 x co-opted governors;
- 5 Total number of governors 10.
- 6 This Instrument of Government comes into effect 1 January 2014.
- 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).

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