

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**PEOPLE SERVICE CABINET MEMBER**

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS – INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR  
LINCOLN GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

- 1.1 To consider approving the Instrument of Government, to be effective from 1 April 2013, for Lincoln Gardens Primary School
- 1.2 The key point to note is as follows:-
- On 14 February 2013 the governing body approved a suggested change to the Instrument of Government in accordance with the The School Governance(Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.3 The new instrument of government details the change in the constitution the governing body would like to make.
- 2.4 The governing body would like to maintain the total number of governors on the governing body at 15 but change the number in certain categories to reduce vacancies.
- 2.5 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 Lincoln Gardens Primary School. (Appendix A)
- 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 governing body would be in a better position to attract governors, who had appropriate skills for the governing body, in the co-opted category. The number of vacancies would be reduced as a result of the reduction in the number of governors in categories where it was proving difficult to attract interest.
- 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.

#### **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 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 Lincoln Gardens primary school with immediate effect.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - None**

## INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- 1 The name of the school is Lincoln Gardens Primary School.
- 2 The school is a community school.
- 3 The name of the governing body is “the governing body of Lincoln Gardens Primary School”.
- 4 The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) head teacher
  - (b) 1 x staff governor
  - (c) 5 x parent governors
  - (d) 1 local authority governor
  - (e) 7 x co-opted governors (to include two staff members)
- 5 Total number of governors 15.
- 6 This Instrument of Government comes into effect 1 April 2013.
- 7 This Instrument was made by order of North Lincolnshire Local Authority on .
- 8 A copy of the Instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the head teacher if not a governor).