

## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### CHILDREN, FAMILIES, LEARNING AND LEISURE CABINET MEMBER

#### LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

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

- 1.1 To consider recommending candidates to serve as local authority governors on the governing bodies of Alkborough Primary School, Barton St Peter's CE Primary School, Eastoft CE Primary School, Frederick Gough School, Frodingham Infant School and Killingholme Primary School.

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Governing bodies are the key strategic decision-making body for schools. It is the governing body's role to set a school's strategic framework and to ensure that all statutory duties are met. The Department for Education identifies three main duties, which are:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

- 2.2 Local authority governors must have:

- an interest in the future education and wellbeing of all children
- the skills and desire to make a difference
- a willingness to accept responsibility
- an ability to work in a team, ask questions, listen and learn
- time and commitment to undertake governor duties
- a commitment to fulfil the Nolan principles which relate to Standards in Public Life.

- 2.3 When a LA governor vacancy occurs, the relevant governing body identifies the necessary skills, knowledge and experience that would be required of the successful candidate(s). All potential applicants (including re-appointments) are required to complete an application form identifying their skills, knowledge and experience. The LA nominates suitable candidates to the school and the governing body decides whether the nominee meets their requirements. The governing body may choose to reject or appoint the candidate accordingly.

### 3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 **Option 1:** To nominate the applicants based on the skills they hold and those required by the governing bodies.

3.2 **Option 2:** Not to nominate the applicants for appointment.

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

4.1 The prospective candidates meet both the requirements identified by the governing bodies and the expectations of the local authority.

4.2 Nominating their appointment will allow the governing bodies the opportunity to consider appointing suitable candidates at the earliest opportunity. Suitable appointments will strengthen the governing bodies' position and maintain the capacity to deliver the strategic and statutory duties.

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

5.1 None.

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

6.1 N/A

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

7.1 None

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that the applicants detailed in Appendix 1 Table 2 and 3 are nominated for appointment to the governing bodies of Alkborough Primary School, Barton St Peter's CE Primary School, Eastoft CE Primary School, Frederick Gough School, Frodingham Infant School and Killingholme Primary School.

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

- 1) The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2) The School Governance (Constitution) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.  
Guidance for Local Authority Governors – 2014.
- 3) Report of the Director of People– Revised Process for the Selection & Nomination of Local Authority Governors October 2014.

**Table 1: Current Local Authority Governor Vacancies**

| School                              | Date of vacancy  | Reason for vacancy    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Alkborough Primary School           | 24 April 2016    | End of term of office |
| Barton St Peter's CE Primary School | 15 April 2018    | End of term of office |
| Baysgarth School                    | 23 April 2018    | End of term of office |
| Berkeley Primary School             | 1 February 2018  | End of term of office |
| Darley Centre Management Committee  | 9 June 2016      | End of term of office |
| Frodingham Infant School            | 18 January 2017  | Resignation           |
| Killingholme Primary School         | 9 December 2017  | Refused Position      |
| Leys Farm Junior School             | 8 February 2018  | Resignation           |
| Oakfield Primary School             | 6 June 2017      | Deceased              |
| Oasis Academy Henderson Avenue      | 23 February 2018 | Deceased              |
| Oasis Academy Parkwood              | 10 May 2014      | Resignation           |
| The Grange Primary School           | 12 October 2017  | Resignation           |
| Winterton Junior School             | 13 March 2018    | End of term of office |

**Table 2: Applications from persons requesting re-appointment to schools**

| School             | Applicant           |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Eastoft CE Primary | Ms Rosemary Wood    |
| Frederick Gough    | Cllr John Collinson |

**Table 3: Applications from persons requesting appointment to schools**

| School                       | Applicant            |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Alkborough Primary           | Mrs Michelle Garlick |
| Barton St Peter's CE Primary | Mr Nick Caines       |
| Frodingham Infant            | Cllr Tony Ellerby    |
| Killingholme Primary         | Ms Leoni Kitchin     |

**Table 4: Terms of office due to end by 31 August 2018**

| <b>School</b>                       | <b>Date of vacancy</b> | <b>Name</b>            |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Belton All Saints CE Primary School | 1 September 2018       | Cllr David Robinson    |
| Eastoft CE Primary School           | 1 September 2018       | Ms Rosemary Wood       |
| Frederick Gough School              | 1 September 2018       | Cllr Michael Collinson |
| St Hugh's School                    | 1 September 2018       | Dr Hilary Beverley     |