

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER

**CHANGE OF SCHOOL NAME – INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR
ST HUGH'S SCHOOL**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To consider approving the Instrument of Government for the change of school name for St Hugh's School; previously known as St Hugh's School – Communication and Interaction Specialist College.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the full board of governors meeting on 2 March 2015 the governors voted to change the name of the school to St Hugh's School.
- 2.2 The constitution of each board of governors is laid down in a document known as the instrument of government. A board of governors may at any time request changes to their constitution, in accordance with the regulations, by varying their instrument of government.
- 2.3 Where a school decides to change the name of the school a new instrument of government is required. The board of governors have previously reconstituted from 1 March 2015 in accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 and the School Governance (Constitution) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.
- 2.4 The board of governors does not need therefore to review its constitution and all the current governors have expressed a wish to continue.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 **Option 1:** To approve the new instrument of government for St Hugh's School.
- 3.2 **Option 2:** Not to approve the new instrument of government for St Hugh's School.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1:

4.1.1 The proposed instrument of government, shown in Appendix 1, meets the requirements of relevant legislation.

4.1.2 Approving the instrument of government will allow for the school name to be changed with immediate effect.

4.1.3 The constitution of the board of governors will remain the same at 14 governors which is considered to be the optimum size for effective governance of the school.

4.2 Option 2

4.2.1 If the instrument of government was not approved for the school, approved the school name would still be known as St Hugh's School – Communication and Interaction Specialist College

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 change of instrument is required by statutory legislation.

6.2 The School Governance (Constitution) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 sets out the framework for the constitution of boards of governors and the process of making instruments of government. The instrument of government proposed in Appendix 1 of this report complies with those regulations.

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:

- 3 DfE Guidance, May 2014: The constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools Statutory guidance for governing bodies of maintained schools and local authorities in England
- 4 DfE Guidance, October 2012, The School Governance Constitution Regulations 2012: Statutory guidance for governing bodies, local authorities, school leaders in England and governor organisations and other organisations with an interest
- 5 The School Governance (Constitution) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT
COMMUNITY SPECIAL SCHOOLS**

- 1 The name of the school is St Hugh's School
- 2 The school is a community school.
- 3 The name of the governing body is "the governing body of St Hugh's School".
- 4 The governing body shall consist of:
 - (a) 3 x parent governors;
 - (b) 1 x local authority governor;
 - (c) 1 x head teacher governor;
 - (d) 1 x staff governor;
 - (d) 8 x co-opted governors
- 5 Total number of governors 14.
- 6 This Instrument of Government comes into effect from 1 April 2015
- 7 This Instrument was made by order of North Lincolnshire Local Authority in April 2015
- 8 A copy of the Instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the head teacher if not a governor).