

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER

**SCHOOL GOVERNOR – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR
BELTON ALL SAINTS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of a suitable candidate to serve as an authority governor for Belton All Saints CE Primary School.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the full governing body meeting of Belton All Saints Church of England Primary School, held on 10 June 2014, the governors voted to reconstitute the governing body to bring it in line with the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012¹.
- 2.2 The above regulations set out the options available to schools in terms of the overall number of governors, the categories of governor and the guiding principles for the constitution. The regulations also require all maintained schools to reconstitute their governing body by 1 September 2015.
- 2.1 Belton All Saints Church of England Primary School governing body has been reconstituted under 2012 School Governance Constitution regulations. Under these regulations, the Cabinet Member is able to nominate the authority governor appointment. The person thereafter is appointed by the governing body having, in the opinion of the governing body, met any eligibility criteria that they have set.
- 2.2 The approved instrument of government has one vacancy for an authority governor. Authority governors are expected to play a key role regarding school improvement by supporting the council's ambitions and policies, which will help raise standards and improve outcomes for children and young people.

¹ Where governors chose to reconstitute their governing body after 1 September 2014, they must also have reference to School Governance (Constitution and Federations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014. The guidance supporting this legislation, describes 11 main points that governing bodies must consider prior to reconstitution.

- 2.3 The current local authority governor's term of office ends on 31st August 2014. One applicant has expressed an interest to serve on the new governing body. There are no other expressions of interest held within the waiting list maintained by the authority.

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 **Option 1:** To consider the expression of interest and recommend appointment to Belton All Saints Church of England Primary School.

3.2 **Option 2:** To not appoint the applicant. .

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 **Option 1:**

4.1.1 This option seeks to match each applicant to the most appropriate governing body based on their skills, knowledge and experience. This matching process provides the opportunity for each authority governor to maximise the use of their abilities to improve outcomes for children and young people.

4.1.2 Where possible this option takes into account the applicants preference to serve on a specific school. Applicants that meet the essential requirements as defined by the authority governor specification may be appointed to their preferred governing body or an alternative governing body. It is important to make sure that, where possible, an applicant's skills and abilities are used in a school where they are likely to make the biggest impact.

4.1.3 If the applicant was recommended, this would ensure there was the option for the governing body to consider the appointment of a local authority representative.

4.2 **Option 2:**

4.2.1 If the person was not recommended there would be no LA representative on the governing body in the near future.

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:

The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007.

The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) (England) Regulations 2007.

The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.

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

7.1 None.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that option one be implemented.

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