

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS – INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR
THE GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider approving the instrument of government to be effective from 1 September 2014 for The Grange Primary School.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 19th June 2013 the School Adjudicator approved the council's proposal to amalgamate Grange Lane Infant School and Grange Lane Junior School with effect from 1st September 2014.
- 2.2 In order to deal with transitional arrangements a temporary governing body was constituted. The temporary governing body is responsible for all key decision in relation to setting-up the school (eg finance, policies, staffing, curriculum, session times as well as agreeing the name, vision and ethos of the school).
- 2.3 On 31 August 2014, the temporary governing body will automatically be dissolved and the Infant & Junior School governing body will cease to exist due to the 'closure'. The 'new' school will be open on 1st September and therefore a new instrument of government will need to be in place from this date. The instrument of government confirms how the governing body will be constituted and the name of the governing body.
- 2.4 The proposed instrument of government, put forward by the temporary governing body is provided in appendix A
- 2.5 The school has been named by the temporary governing body as "The Grange Primary School" and will open as a community maintained school from 1 September 2014.

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 **Option 1:** To approve the new instrument of government for The Grange Primary school
- 3.2 **Option 2:** Not to approve the instrument of government for The Grange Primary school

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 **Option 1:**

- 4.1.1 The proposed instrument of government has been recommended by the temporary governing body.
- 4.1.2 The schools governing body will be dissolved as at 31st August 2014. Therefore a new instrument of government is required in order for the new governing body to fulfil its legal duties and functions of a community school governing body.
- 4.1.3 Approving the instrument of government will allow the new governing body structure to be put in place on 1 September 2014. Thereafter work can be undertaken to fully establish /appoint the governing body as soon as possible.

4.2 **Option 2**

- 4.2.1 If the instrument of government was not approved for the new school the governing body could not be formed and therefore could not carry out the legal duties and required functions of a community school governing body.

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 1 be implemented.

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APPENDIX A

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- 1 The name of the school is The Grange Primary School.
- 2 The school is a community school.
- 3 The name of the governing body is the governing body of The Grange Primary School.
- 4 The governing body shall consist of:
 - 2 x parent governors
 - 1 x local authority governor
 - 1 x staff governor
 - 1 x head teacher
 - 7 x co-opted governors (to include a maximum of one staff member)
- 5 Total number of governors 12
- 6 This Instrument of government comes into effect 1 September 2014
- 7 This Instrument was made by order of North Lincolnshire Local Education Authority in August 2014.
- 8 A copy of the Instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the head teacher if not a governor).