

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER**

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS – INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR BARTON ST  
PETER’S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

- 1.1 To consider approving the Instrument of Government, to be effective with immediate effect, for Barton St Peter’s Church of England Primary School
- 1.2 The key point to note is as follows: On 2 October 2012 the governing body felt they would like to change the Instrument of Government in accordance with The School Governance(Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The new instrument of government details the change in the constitution the governing body would like to make.
- 2.2 The governing body would like to reduce the number of parent governors due to the fact it has difficulty in filling the parent vacancies.
- 2.3 The governing body would like to increase the number of co-opted governors (previously community governors) to increase its ability to attract 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 Barton St Peter’s Church of England 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 number of parent governors would be reduced and as a consequence the number of vacancies. The governing body would also be in a better position to attract co-opted governors who had appropriate skills for the governing body.

4.2 If the new instrument of government was not approved the governing body would still have a number of parent 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 and consultation with the Lincoln Diocese. Minor amendments have been made by the Diocese to the specifications for the appointment of foundation governors.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that approval be given to the instrument of government for Barton St Peter's primary school with immediate effect.

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

**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT  
VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS**

1. The name of the school is Barton Saint Peter's Church of England Primary.
2. The school is a voluntary controlled school.
3. The name of the governing body is "The governing body of Barton Saint Peter's Church of England Primary School".
4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) head teacher
  - (b) 3 x parent governors
  - (c) 1 x local authority governor
  - (d) 1 x staff governor
  - (e) 6 x co-opted governors (to include one staff member)
  - (f) 3 x foundation governors
5. Total number of governors 15.
6. The foundation governors shall comprise: -
  - (a) one ex officio foundation governor
  - (b) two foundation governors being members of the Church of England appointed by the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education after consultation with the Parochial Church Council for the parish in which the school is situated.
7. (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex officio:

Principal Officiating Minister of the Parish in which the school is situated

  - (b) The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry in which the school is situated after consultation with the Rural Dean of the Deanery in which the school is situated shall appoint a foundation governor to act in the place of the ex officio foundation governor whose governorship derives from the office named in (a) above, in the event that that ex officio foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor or has been removed from office under regulation 23(2) of the Regulations.

- 8 The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconary in which the school is situated may request the removal of any ex-officio foundation governor and appoint a substitute governor.
- 9 Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level. The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.
- 10 This instrument of government came into effect on 1 November 2012.
- 11 This instrument was made by order of North Lincolnshire Council Local Authority during October 2012.
- 12 A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the head teacher if not a governor), and to the appropriate religious body.