

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER**

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS – INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT FOR  
THE PRIORY LANE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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

- 1.1 To consider approving the Instrument of Government, to be effective from 1 September 2012, for The Priory Lane Community School.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 On 4 July 2012 the decision was taken to amalgamate Priory Lane Infant School and Priory Lane Junior School to create a through primary school with effect from 1 September 2012.
- 2.2 The amalgamation was achieved by expanding the age range of the infant school and closing the junior school. Where school amalgamation is undertaken using this process, the governing body from the 'expanded school' (ie the infant school in this case) remains in place and the governing body of the closing school is dissolved.
- 2.3 As a result of the new primary school arrangement, the infant school governors have requested the school's name be changed to "The Priory Lane Community School". In addition, the infant school governors have requested that the governing body's constitution be increased and reconstituted to allow the opportunity for a number of the junior school governors to become part of the new governing body arrangement.
- 2.4 The Instrument of Government, as shown in appendix 1, confirms the proposals regarding the new constitution of the governing body and the proposed name of the new school.

### 3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 **Option 1:** To approve the revised Instrument of Government for The Priory Lane Community School (appendix 1).

3.2 **Option 2:** Not to approve the Instrument of Government for The Priory Lane Community School.

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

#### 4.1 **Option 1:**

4.1.1 Approving the Instrument of Government will allow a revised governance structure and new school name to be implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012.

4.1.2 The new arrangement will allow governors from the predecessor schools to continue to work together, which will provide the right structure for developing an effective governing body.

#### 4.2 **Option 2**

4.2.1 If the Instrument of Government was not approved for the new primary school the school's name and new governance arrangements would not be in place for 1 September 2012.

4.2.2 Maintaining the status quo would not provide a suitable governance structure to support the new primary school.

### 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

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

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

6.1.3 The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 - which makes the reconstitution of a governing body mandatory whenever an instrument is revised.

## **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Instrument of Government has been formally proposed by the Infant School's Governing body and supported by the Junior School's Governing Body.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the new Instrument of Government be approved with effect from 1 September 2012.

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

Children's Services Cabinet Member, Report of 28 June 2012 : Priory Lane Infant school and Priory Lane Junior school amalgamation

**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

**THE PRIORY LANE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

1. The name of the school is The Priory Lane Infant Community School.
2. The school is a community school.
3. The name of the governing body is "The governing body of The Priory Lane Community School".
4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) 6 parent governors
  - (b) The Head Teacher
  - (c) 1 staff governor
  - (d) 1 Authority governor
  - (e) 11 co-opted governors
5. Total number of governors 20
6. This Instrument of Government comes into effect on 1 September 2012.
7. This Instrument was made by order of North Lincolnshire Council Local Education Authority on .....
8. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body.