

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND LEARNING CABINET MEMBER

APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To consider the appointment of suitable candidates to serve as local authority governors to schools.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Governing bodies are the key strategic decision-making body for schools. It is the governing body's role to set a school's strategic framework and to ensure that all statutory duties are met. The Department for Education identifies three main duties, which are:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

2.2 Local authority governors must have:

- an interest in the future education and wellbeing of all children
- the skills and desire to make a difference
- a willingness to accept responsibility
- an ability to work in a team, ask questions, listen and learn
- time and commitment to undertake governor duties
- a commitment to fulfil the Nolan principles which relate to Standards in Public Life.

2.3 When a LA governor vacancy occurs, the relevant governing body identifies the necessary skills, knowledge and experience that would be required of the successful candidates. All potential applicants (including re-appointments) are required to complete an application form identifying their skills, knowledge and experience. The LA nominates suitable candidates to the school and the governing body decides whether the nominee meets their requirements. The governing body may choose to reject or appoint the candidate accordingly.

2.4 Applicants not appointed in the capacity of a local authority governor may still apply for other vacancies on a Board of Governors so long as they meet the appointing criteria and at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Applicants are identified in appendix 1 for the following schools:

- Berkeley Primary School
- Broughton Primary School
- Holme Valley Primary School
- John Harrison CE Primary School
- Killingholme Primary School
- Lincoln Gardens Primary School
- Luddington & Garthorpe Primary School

3.2 The Cabinet Member recommends one candidate to the Board of Governors for each school. The options are to approve or decline or defer recommending each applicant to their requested school.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The prospective candidates meet both the requirements identified by the governing bodies and the expectations of the local authority.

4.2 Nominating the appointment and re-appointment of applicants will allow the governing bodies the opportunity to consider appointing and re-appointing suitable candidates at the earliest opportunity. Suitable appointments will strengthen the governing bodies' position and maintain the capacity to deliver the strategic and statutory duties.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 None.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 N/A

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 None

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Cabinet Member recommends one Local Authority Governor to the Board of Governors for each school by approving and declining applicants from Appendix A.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

- 1) The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2) The School Governance (Constitution) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.
Guidance for Local Authority Governors – 2014
- 3) Report of the Director of People– Revised Process for the Selection & Nomination of Local Authority Governors October 2014.

APPENDIX 1

Table 1: Applications from persons requesting appointment (A) and reappointment (RA) to schools

School	Applicant	A or RA
Berkeley Primary School	Mr Tony Gosling	RA (1/2/18)
Broughton Primary School	Ms Leoni Kitchin	A
Holme Valley Primary School	Mrs Elizabeth Borrill	A
Holme Valley Primary School	Mrs Samantha Day	A
John Harrison CE Primary School	Mr Peter Swann	RA (exp.)
Killingholme Primary School	Mr John Speyer	RA (exp.)
Killingholme Primary School	Mr Matthew Sutcliffe	A
Lincoln Gardens Primary School	Mrs Susan Godfrey	RA (exp.)
Luddington & Garthorpe Primary School	Mrs Jennie Fullwood	A

For reappointments (RA), date indicates end of term of office, or if already expired (exp.)

Table 2: For information only - Current Local Authority Governor Vacancies

School	Date of vacancy
Alkborough Primary School	24 April 2016
Brigg Primary School	5 May 2017
Broughton Primary School	5 September 2017
Darley Centre Management Committee	9 June 2016
Frodingham Infant School	18 January 2017
John Harrison CE Primary School	7 August 2017
Lincoln Gardens Primary School	20 May 2017
Luddington & Garthorpe Primary School	28 April 2017
Oakfield Primary School	6 June 2017
Oasis Academy Parkwood	10 May 2014
The Grange Primary School	12 October 2017
The Westcliffe and Priory Lane Federation	26 July 2017