

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
CABINET MEMBER**

**APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT OF
LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To consider the re-appointment of a suitable candidates to serve as local authority governors on the governing bodies of Bowmandale Primary School, St Luke's Primary School and The Trentside Federation.

and

1.2 To consider the appointment of suitable candidates to serve as local authority governors on the governing bodies of John Harrison CE Primary School and Barton St Peter's CE Primary School.

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 candidate(s). 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.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 **Option 1:** To nominate the applicants based on the skills they hold and those required by the governing bodies.

3.2 **Option 2:** Not to nominate the applicants for appointment and re-appointment.

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 their appointment / re-appointment will allow the governing bodies the opportunity to consider appointing / 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. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

5.1 None.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 N/A.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 N/A.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 None.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is recommended that the applicants detailed in Appendix 1 Table 2 are nominated for re-appointment to the governing bodies of Bowmandale Primary School, St Luke's Primary School and The Trentside Federation.
and

9.2 It is recommended that the applicants detailed in Appendix 1 Table 3 are nominated for appointment to the governing bodies of John Harrison CE Primary School and Barton St Peter's CE Primary School.

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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.

Table 1: Current Local Authority Governor Vacancies

| School | Date of vacancy | Reason for vacancy |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Barton St Peter's CE Primary School | 12 February 2020 | Resignation |
| Darley Centre | 9 June 2016 | Resignation |
| Frederick Gough School | 12 November 2019 | Deceased |
| John Harrison CE Primary School | 19 March 2020 | Removed Non-attendance |
| Kirton Lindsey Primary School | 28 June 2020 | End of Term of Office |
| St Luke's Primary School | 10 November 2020 | End of Term of Office |
| The Riverside Federation | 1 July 2020 | New Governing Body |
| Wootton St Andrew's CE Primary School | 20 December 2020 | End of Term of Office |

Table 2: Applications from persons requesting re-appointment to schools

| School | Applicant |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Bowmandale Primary School | Mr George Thompson |
| St Luke's Primary School | Mr Leslie Brewer |
| The Trentside Federation | Mrs Carol Lindley |

Table 3: Applications from persons requesting appointment to schools

| School | Applicant |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Barton St Peter's CE Primary School | Mr Michael May |
| John Harrison CE Primary School | Mr Paul Raistrick |

Table 4: Terms of office due to end by 31 March 2021

| School | Date of vacancy | Name |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Bowmandale Primary School | 7 March 2021 | Mr George Thompson |
| Messingham Primary School | 23 February 2021 | Mr Andrew Tasker |
| The Trentside Federation | 28 February 2021 | Mrs Carol Lindley |