

# Report to Children and Young People's Committee

19 May 2014

Agenda Item: 11

## REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION STANDARDS AND INCLUSION

# AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

#### **Purpose of the Report**

- To note new appointments to Authority governor vacancies and re-appointments of Authority governors who reach the end of their term of office during the period 1 January to 31 March 2014 and have indicated their willingness to serve a further four year term of office.
- 2. To note the appointment of an Additional Authority governor to the Carlton Digby Special School governing body.
- 3. To note the nomination and appointment of Local Authority governors to reconstituted governing bodies.
- 4. To note the appointment of a parent governor to the temporary governing body of a new primary school in Hucknall.

#### Information and Advice

- 5. The Corporate Director for Children, Families and Cultural Services has delegated authority to approve school governor appointments for which the Council has responsibility, including Authority governors, and is required to report the decisions quarterly to the Children and Young People's Committee.
- 6. Under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012, governing bodies may choose to reconstitute to a more skills-based model of governance and are allowed one Local Authority governor on the reconstituted governing body. For this model of governance, governing bodies may set eligibility criteria for, and appoint, the Local Authority governor. Nominations are made by the County Council, in accordance with the eligibility criteria, and are then considered by the governing body for appointment.
- 7. As part of the action plan to support Carlton Digby Special School, the County Council has appointed an additional Authority governor to support the school and strengthen the governing body.

#### Authority governor appointments and reappointments to school governing bodies

- 8. In line with the procedures set out in the Local Authority's governor recruitment strategy, officers sought new nominations to outstanding vacancies from political parties and from school governing bodies.
- 9. A number of Authority governors who were approaching the end of their term of office were identified and each governor was asked whether he or she would be willing to serve as an Authority governor for a further term of four years. Those governors re-appointed had indicated their willingness to be re-nominated.
- 10. The new appointments and re-appointments of Authority governors, which are made subject to the successful completion of appropriate checks, are as listed below:

#### **New appointments**

| ASHFIELD                                  |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 7.6.11.122                                |                             |
| Edgewood Primary and Nursery              | Mr Olufemi Odubore          |
| Holly Hill Primary and Nursery            | Mr Mike Scott               |
| BASSETLAW                                 |                             |
|   |                             |
| Langold Dyscarr Community                 | Mr Michael Stewart Goulding |
| Langold Dyscarr Community                 | Mr Marcus Wichmann          |
| Misterton Primary                         | Mr David Seymour            |
| BROXTOWE                                  |                             |
| All D I I I                               | L. O. I. D. C. C. C.        |
| Alderman Pounder Infant                   | Lt Col Pete Quaite          |
| Eskdale Junior                            | Ms Lili Tang                |
| Mornington Primary                        | Councillor Philip John Owen |
| GEDLING                                   |                             |
| Coultain Countrial Lunion                 | NA. Andrew Mainweigh        |
| Carlton Central Junior                    | Mr Andrew Wainwright        |
| Mapperley Plains Primary and Nursery      | Mrs Janet Norton            |
| MANSFIELD                                 |                             |
| WANSFILLD                                 |                             |
| Beech Hill                                | Miss Jayne Littlewood       |
| Berry Hill Primary and Nursery            | Miss Andrea Marriott        |
| Crescent Primary                          | Mr Martin Senior            |
| High Oakham Primary                       | Miss Kathryn Jane Lockhart  |
| Oak Tree Primary                          | Mr John Smart               |
| NEWARK                                    |                             |
|   |                             |
| Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary (VA) | Mr Rik Hughes               |
| Harby Queen Eleanor Primary               | Mr Peter Mervyn Cowan       |
| John Hunt Primary and Nursery             | Mrs Christine Turner        |
| Kneesall CofE Primary                     | Mr Paul Mitchell            |

| RUSHCLIFFE                       |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abbey Road Primary               | Mr Christopher John Kemp |
| James Peacock Infant and Nursery | Mr Gary Choo             |
| Lady Bay Primary                 | Mrs Sandra Coker         |
| Normanton on Soar Primary        | Councillor Andrew Brown  |
| Robert Miles Junior              | Mr David Johnson         |
| Willow Brook Primary             | Mr Anthony Williams      |

### Reappointments

| ASHFIELD   |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Annie Holgate Infant and Nursery                     | Mr Paul Richard Derriscott          |
| Orchard Primary and Nursery                          | Mr David John Roe                   |
| BASSETLAW  |                                     |
| Misson Primary                                       | Reverend Jonathan Edward Strickland |
| BROXTOWE   |                                     |
| Beeston Rylands Junior                               | Mrs Angela Attenborough             |
| John Clifford School                                 | Mr Eric Kerry                       |
| Meadow Lane Infant                                   | Mrs Janie Louise Goodman            |
| GEDLING  |                                     |
| Carlton Central Junior                               | Miss Louise Mary Ashby              |
| NEWARK   |                                     |
| Farndon St Peter's CofE Voluntary Controlled Primary | Mrs Alison Louise Wordsworth        |
| RUSHCLIFFE   |                                     |
| Abbey Road Primary                                   | Miss Caroline Sarah Stone           |
| Brookside Primary                                    | Mrs Reesha Simone Armstead          |
| St Peter's CofE Junior                               | Mr David Charles Baxter             |

## Additional Authority governor appointment

| GEDLING                      |                        |  |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Carlton Digby Special School | Mr David Alan Richards |  |

## Local Authority governor nominations and appointments to reconstituted governing bodies

11. Local Authority governors nominated by the County Council and appointed by school governing bodies during the period 1 February to 30 April 2014 are as follows.

| BASSETLAW                       |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gateford Park Primary           | Mr Neil Hopkinson              |
| BROXTOWE                        | IVII Neii Hopkiiisoii          |
| BROXIONE                        |                                |
| Kimberley Primary               | Dr David Clarke                |
| GEDLING                         |                                |
|                                 |                                |
| Arnold View Primary and Nursery | Councillor David Sidney Ellis  |
| Willow Farm Primary             | Mrs Laura Jayne Etchells-Jones |
| NEWARK                          |                                |
|                                 |                                |
| Bowbridge Primary               | Mr Simon John Lile             |

## Appointment of a parent governor to the temporary governing body of a new primary school in Hucknall

- 12. Nottinghamshire County Council has the statutory duty to establish a temporary governing body for all proposed new schools that are to be maintained by the Local Authority in accordance with the New Schools (General) (England) Regulations 2003.
- 13. The size of the temporary governing body ranges from a minimum of 9 to a maximum of 20. Within this range the County Council can adopt the temporary governing body model of their choice, provided it complies with the guiding principles for the particular category of the new school.
- 14. The temporary governing body of the new primary school in Hucknall has the following membership:

| Parent                            | 5 |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Staff (including the headteacher) | 3 |
| Authority                         | 3 |
| Community                         | 3 |

- 15. Appointments of 4 parent, 2 community and 3 Authority governors were made in December 2013 and reported to Children and Young People's Committee on 10 February 2014.
- 16. The appointment of one remaining parent governor to the temporary governing body of the new primary school in Hucknall, which is made subject to the successful completion of appropriate checks, is as listed below:

| Parent x 1 | Mrs Kirsty Riley |
|------------|------------------|
|            |                  |

#### **Other Options Considered**

- 17. There are no other options. The County Council has a statutory duty to ensure governor vacancies are filled without undue delay.
- 18. Nottinghamshire County Council's strategy for recruiting and retaining school governors includes the re-appointment of existing governors. The County Council sees many advantages in retaining experienced governors and actively seeks to encourage governors approaching their end of term of office to stand again either in the same school or in a different one. The appointments made ensure the retention and supply of experienced governors.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

19. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

#### **Public Sector Equality Duty Implications**

- 20. New nominations have been encouraged and received from a broad range of sources. We welcome applications from all types of people, especially those from ethnic minority communities and under-represented groups such as disabled people.
- 21. All existing Authority governors approaching the end of their term of office have had the opportunity to put themselves forward for re-nomination.

#### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

#### That:

- 1) new appointments to Authority governor vacancies and re-appointments of Authority governors, who reach the end of their term of office during the period 1 January to 31 March 2014, as listed in paragraph 10, are noted.
- 2) the appointment of an Additional Authority governor to the Carlton Digby Special School governing body, as listed in paragraph 10, is noted.
- 3) the nomination and appointment of Local Authority governors to reconstituted governing bodies, as listed in paragraph 11, are noted.
- 4) the appointment of a parent governor to the temporary governing body of a new primary school in Hucknall, as listed in paragraph 16, is noted.

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#### **Constitutional Comments**

22. As the report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

#### Financial Comments (KLA 25/04/14)

23. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Completed Authority governor nomination forms

Authority governor appointments and reappointments and Local Authority governor appointments to school governing bodies and the appointment of parent, community and authority governors to the temporary governing body of a new primary school in Hucknall - report to Children and Young People's Committee on 10 February 2014

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Hucknall Cllr Alice Grice, Cllr John Wilkinson & Cllr John

Wilmott

Kirkby-in-Ashfield South Cllr Rachel Madden Selston Cllr Gail Turner

Blyth & Harworth

Cill Gail Turner

Cill Gail Tu

Worksop North Cllr Sybil Fielding
Beeston South & Attenborough Cllr Kate Foale

Chilwell & Toton Clir Richard Jackson & Clir John Doddy

Kimberley & Trowell

Nuthall

Cllr Ken Rigby

Cllr Philip Owen

Arnold South
Carlton East
Carlton West
Carlt

Mansfield South Cllr Stephen Garner & Cllr Andy Sissons Mansfield West Cllr Darren Langton & Cllr Diana Meale

Balderton Cllr Keith Walker
Collingham Cllr Maureen Dobson
Farndon & Muskham Cllr Susan Saddington
Farnsfield & Lowdham Cllr Roger Jackson

Newark West Cllr Tony Roberts

Southwell & Caunton
Bingham
Keyworth
Ruddington
Soar Valley
West Bridgford Central & South

Cllr Bruce Laughton
Cllr Martin Suthers
Cllr John Cottee
Cllr Reg Adair
Cllr Andrew Brown
Cllr Steve Calvert & Cllr Liz Plant

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