

**29 April 2019****Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION, LEARNING AND  
SKILLS****REVISED PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR  
NOMINATIONS AND RE-NOMINATIONS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES****Purpose of the Report**

1. The report seeks approval of a revised procedure for the nomination and re-nomination of Local Authority Governors to maintained school governing bodies and academy school local governing bodies. The revised procedure will allow the Service Director, Education, Learning & Skills, to approve school governor nominations for which the Council has responsibility and is required to report the decisions quarterly to the Children and Young People's Committee.
2. To update Committee on the appointment of Local Authority (LA) governors to school governing bodies for the period 1 January to 11 February 2019.

**Information**

3. The arrangements for the constitution of governing bodies of maintained schools are set out in the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012. In August 2017 the Department for Education issued statutory guidance for local authorities and governing bodies. It included guidance about the appointment of Local Authority governors.
4. The Regulations and Guidance state that governing bodies of maintained schools must include one Local Authority (LA) governor. Governing bodies may set eligibility criteria for the LA governor based on the skills gaps that the governing body has identified.
5. Under the 2012 Regulations, nominations are made by the County Council, in accordance with the eligibility criteria provided by the governing body, and are then considered for appointment by the governing body. When nominating new LA governors or re-nominating existing LA governors, the County Council must consider the skills and experience that the governing body has identified it is seeking in order to be effective. It should be noted that the Regulations allow a governing body to reject the prospective governor nominated by the LA if they feel that the person does not meet their eligibility criteria.
6. An individual eligible to be a staff governor at the school may not be nominated or re-nominated as a Local Authority governor.

7. The Corporate Director for Children and Families Services has delegated authority to approve school governor nominations for which the Council has responsibility and is required to report the decisions quarterly to the Children and Young People's Committee.
8. It is proposed to ask the Committee to delegate authority to the Service Director, Education, Learning & Skills, as well as to the Corporate Director for Children and Families Services, to minimise delays that might otherwise occur.
9. The process is that two reports are prepared containing information on both new and re-nominated LA governors and these are considered on a half termly basis. Before an existing LA governor is considered for re-nomination, the headteacher and chair of governors are asked if they have cause for concern about the individual serving another term of office (four years). Any stated concerns are considered before a decision to re-nominate is made. All decisions are recorded, with an explanation of how the decision was reached, to ensure transparency. Then it is for governing bodies to make the final decision on the appointment of the nominee.

### Governing body appointments

10. Local Authority governors nominated by the County Council and appointed by school governing bodies during the period 1 January to 11 February 2019 are as follows:

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| <b>BASSETLAW</b>                         |   |
| Redlands Primary and Nursery School      | Mr Anthony Goucher<br><b>New appointment to the category of LA Governor.</b>  |
| Ranby C of E Primary School              | Mrs Dorothy Hayes<br><b>Existing LA Governor. Reappointed to the position of LA Governor on the same governing body.</b>    |
| <b>BROXTOWE</b>                          |   |
| Lawrence View Primary School             | Mrs Tracey Christian<br><b>New appointment to the category of LA Governor</b>   |
| William Lilley Infant and Nursery School | Dr Mike Marriott<br><b>Existing Governor. Now appointed to the position of LA Governor.</b>                                 |
| Stapleford St John's VC Primary School   | Miss Sally Smith<br><b>Existing LA Governor. Reappointed to the position of LA Governor on the same governing body.</b>     |
| Round Hill Primary School                | Mrs Hilary Craik OBE<br><b>Existing LA Governor. Reappointed to the position of LA Governor on the same governing body.</b> |
| <b>GEDLING</b>                           |   |

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| Priory Junior School          | Mr Christopher Allison<br><b>Existing LA Governor. Reappointed to the position of LA Governor on the same governing body.</b> |
| <b>MANSFIELD</b>              |   |
| Newlands Junior School        | Mrs Sarah Sayer<br><b>Previous governor. Now appointed to the position of LA governor on the same governing body.</b>         |
| <b>NEWARK</b>                 |   |
| Bleasby C of E Primary School | Mr Peter Cast<br><b>Existing LA Governor. Reappointed to the position of LA Governor on the same governing body.</b>          |
| <b>RUSHCLIFFE</b>             |   |
| Kinoulton Primary School      | Ms Elizabeth Welsh<br><b>New appointment to the category of LA Governor.</b>  |

### Other Options Considered

- There were no other options considered as the Corporate Director, Children and Families Services, and the Service Director, Education, Learning and Skills, sit at the appropriate level of operational independence and subject area knowledge.

### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- The recommendation ensures the quality and suitability of the nominees, using the agreed eligibility criteria prior to approving their nomination or re-nomination. It will also support the speedy appointment of governors at a time of high vacancy levels.

### Statutory and Policy Implications

- This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### Financial Implications

- There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee:

- 1) agrees a revised procedure for the nomination and re-nomination of Local Authority governors to maintained school governing bodies and academy school local governing bodies and that the Committee delegates the authority to make nomination and re-nomination decisions to the Service Director, Education, Learning and Skills, as well as the Corporate Director, Children and Families Services
- 2) agrees to receive quarterly update reports in relation to the appointment of Local Authority governors to school governing bodies and that these be included in the work programme.

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#### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 15/04/19)**

15. Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

#### **Financial Comments (SAS 11/04/19)**

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

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

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.

The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 (published)

The Constitution of Governing Bodies of Maintained Schools – Statutory Guidance: Department for Education, August 2017 (published)

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

All.

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