Report of the Director of Learning, Skills and Culture   Decision to be taken after:
                                                              20 May 2019

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, LEARNING AND LEISURE
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LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

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

      1.1   To consider recommending a candidate to serve as local authority governor
             on the governing body of Belton All Saints CE Primary School.

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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 applicant based on the skills they hold and those
       required by the governing bodies.

3.2   **Option 2:**   Not to nominate the applicant for appointment.

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

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

4.2 Nominating their appointment will allow the governing body the opportunity to consider appointing a suitable candidate 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 It is recommended that the applicant detailed in Appendix 1 Table 3 is nominated for appointment to the governing body of Belton All Saints 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
Baysgarth School	23 April 2018	End of term of office
Belton All Saints CE Primary School	1 September 2018	End of term of office
Crosby Primary School	31 July 2018	Resignation
Darley Centre Management Committee	9 June 2016	End of term of office
Oasis Academy Henderson Avenue	23 February 2018	Deceased
Oasis Academy Parkwood	10 May 2014	Resignation
The St Barnabas' and St Helena's Federation	19 September 2018	Resignation

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

School	Applicant
none	

Table 3: Applications from persons requesting appointment to schools

School	Applicant
Belton All Saints CE Primary School	Mrs Sarah Winkley

Table 4: Terms of office due to end by 31 August 2019

School	Date of vacancy	Name
Althorpe and Keadby Primary School	6 May 2019	Mr Karl Fenney
Enderby Road Infant School	16 April 2019	Mr Andrew Walton