

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CABINET MEMBER

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the nomination of suitable candidates to serve as the local authority governor on the governing body of Frederick Gough 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 nominees meets their requirements. The governing body may choose to reject or appoint the candidates accordingly.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

3.2 **Option 2:** Not to nominate applicants for appointment.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The prospective candidates meet both the requirements identified by the governing body 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. A suitable appointment will strengthen the governing body's position and maintain the capacity to deliver their 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 applicants detailed in Appendix 1 Table 3 are nominated for appointment to the governing body of Frederick Gough 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
None	

Table 3: Applications from persons requesting appointment to the school

School	Applicant
Frederick Gough School	Cllr John Davison
Frederick Gough School	Cllr Helen Rayner
Frederick Gough School	Miss Elizabeth Snell

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