

Report to: County Consultative Committee

Date of meeting: 19th May 2022

By: Clare Cornford

Title: Governor local area forums

Purpose: For members of the Committee to review the attendance and feedback from the last round of local area forums. For members of the committee to hear about the proposed agenda items for the next round of local area forums.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) To note, attendance and feedback from the last round of meetings
 - 2) To be notified of the agenda for the next round of local area forums.
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1 Background

1.1 For members of the Committee to review the attendance and feedback from the ESGF from the last round of local area forums. For members of the committee to hear about the agenda items for the next round of local area forums.

2 Supporting information

2.1 Attendance at the Local Area Forums for the Academic Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

The Local Area Forums moved online due to COVID. The number of sessions were reduced from 4 to 3 and the times changed to accommodate governor need.

Spring 2021 Local Area Forum - Governor Wellbeing and Virtual Governance	
Monday 1 st March 2021 from 14:00 – 16:00	27
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021 from 18:00 – 20:00	24
Friday 5 th March 2021 from 10:00 – 12:00	31
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Summer 2021 Local Area Forum – Communication with Stakeholders	
Monday 7 th June 2021 from 18:00 – 20:00	30
Wednesday 9 th June 2021 from 10:00 – 12:00	13
Thursday 10 th June 2021 from 14:00 – 16:00	9

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Autumn 2021 Local Area Forum – Ofsted Inspections are back – what Governors need to know.	
Monday 18 th October 2021 from 14:00 – 16:00	49
Wednesday 20 th October 2021 from 18:00 – 20:00	37
Friday 22 nd October 2021 from 10:00 – 12:00	41
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Spring 2022 Local Area Forum – System Leadership and School Improvement. Bookings already made	Numbers to date
Local Area Forum: System Leadership – Hastings, Rother and Rye EIP	13
Local Area Forum: System Leadership - Ashdown and Lewes EIP	25
Local Area Forum: System Leadership - Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford EIP	11
Local Area Forum: System Leadership - Wealden EIP	18
Total to Date	67

The schools which attended each one of the Spring forums are as follows:

Rother, Hastings and Rye EIP

Battle and Langton Church of England Primary School - Governing Body
Ninfield CE Primary School - Governing Body
Robertsbridge Community College - Governing Body
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St Mary Star Of The Sea Catholic Primary School - Governing Board
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St Michael's CE Primary School (Playden) - Governing Body
St Thomas' CE Primary School - Governing Body
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St Thomas' CE Primary School - Governing Body
The Genesis Federation (Beckley and Peasmarsh)

Ashdown EIP

Alfriston Primary School - Governing Body
Alfriston Primary School - Governing Body
Beacon Community College (Academy) - Governing Body
Chyngton School - Governing Body
Denton Community Primary School - Governing Body
Harbour Primary School - Governing Body
Harlands Primary School - Governing Body

Kings Academy Ringmer (Academy) - Governing Board
Meridian Primary School - Governing Body
Meridian Primary School - Governing Body
Newick CE Primary School - Governing Body
Priory School - Governing Body
Ringmer Primary School
Rocks Park Primary School - Governing Body
Seahaven Academy - Governing Body
South Malling CE Primary School - Governing Body
St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Crowborough) - Governing Body
St Michael's Primary School (Withyham) - Governing Body
St Pancras Catholic Primary School - Governing Body
The Bluebell Federation (Chailey St Peters and Fletching)
The Oaktree Federation (Firle and Laughton)
The Skylark Federation - Barcombe, Hamsey and Plumpton
Wallands Community Primary and Nursery School - Governing Body
Western Road Community Primary School
Western Road Community Primary School - Governing Body

Wealden EIP

Cross in Hand CE Primary School - Governing Body
Harlands Primary School - Governing Body
High Hurstwood CE Primary School - Governing Body
High Hurstwood CE Primary School - Governing Body
Holy Cross CE Primary School - Governing Body
Little Horsted CE Primary School - Governing Body
Netherfield CE Primary School - Governing Body
Nutley CE Primary School - Governing Body
St Mark's CE Primary School (Hadlow Down) - Governing Body
St Philip's Catholic Primary School - Governing Body
St Thomas a Becket Church of England Federation - Blackboys and Framfield
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The Sussex Spires Federation (All Saints and St Richards and Herstmonceux)
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The Woodlands Federation - Punnetts Town and Dallington
Uckfield College - Governing Body
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Eastbourne EIP

Bourne Primary School - Governing Body
Claverham Community College - Governing Body
Gildredge House Free School
Hankham Primary - Governing Body
Heron Park Primary Academy - Governing Body
Langney, Parkland and Shinewater LGB
The Bluebell Federation (Chailey St Peters and Fletching)
The Cavendish School LGB
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The Haven CE / Methodist Primary School - Governing Body

The Summer 2022 session will focus on Governing Boards Fit for the Future. These sessions will be facilitated by members of the ESGF and will focus on the following 4 areas:

1. **Succession Planning:** this section will focus on the role of the Chair and Vice Chair and the proactive steps that boards can take to ensure clear succession pathways.
2. **Leadership in the board:** this section will look at the distinction between 'link' governors and 'lead' governors and ask you to consider if members of your boards feel confident to lead on vital areas, thereby taking pressure off the Chair and Vice Chair and encouraging deeper relationships between all members of the board and school staff.
3. **Schools White Paper:** this section will look at the Schools White Paper, published in March, looking at the role of the local authority in the evolving education landscape.
4. **Clerk as Governance Professional:** the final section will look at the role of the clerk and ask you to consider whether the relationship between the clerk and the board is such that it is maximising their potential as a trusted adviser.

Title	Time	Date	Numbers
Local Area Forum – Governing Boards Fit for the Future	18:00-19:30	23/05/2022	20
Local Area Forum – Governing Boards Fit for the Future	10:00-11:30	24/05/2022	13
Local Area Forum – Governing Boards Fit for the Future	12:00-13:30	25/05/2022	9

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 3.1 To note any feedback from the ESGF from the last round of local area forums.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None