

**Report to:** County Consultative Committee

**Date of meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**By:** Clare Cornford

**Title:** Local Authority Governor Update for Councillors

**Purpose:** To update Councillors on the nomination for appointment of local authority governors and governor training

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1) For information**

**11 Background**

1.1 The local authority has a statutory duty to approve nominations for local authority governors. Once nominated, schools then appoint local authority governors onto their governing board.

1.2 This report provides a summary of local authority governor applications approved for nomination, and information about the level of governor vacancies across the county.

**2 Supporting information**

2.1 Since the report sent to Councillors on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 3 local authority governors were nominated for appointment, all were approved for a 4 year term of office. All were new applicants.

Jill Lugg	St Michael's School Withyham	New Application
Matthew Green	Little Horsted Primary School	New Application
Natalie Bayliss	The Oaktree Federation	New Application

2.2 The Governor and Clerking Service are now embedding the new GovernorHub System for booking training and recording governor details. Out of the 1183 governors in maintained schools, only 290 have not yet signed up to the new system and we are working with these governors to onboard them.

2.3 Here is a brief overview of some of the training, networking and briefing sessions governors and clerks have attended in terms 3 and 4. Brackets indicate the number of sessions run:

Governor Induction (3)	Training	58
Academy Briefing (2)	Briefing	86
Chairs Networking (2)	Networking	29
Safeguarding Networking (3)	Networking	40
MHEW Networking (2)	Networking	37
Safeguarding Link Governor Training/Refresher (2)	Training	32
School Visits (1)	Training	14
Monitoring the PE and Sport Premium (2)	Briefing	25

Clerk Training – working together/complaints (2)	Training	17
Clerk Forum – GovernorHub (2)	Networking	33
Complaints Training/Managing Complex Situations (2)	Training	21
Exclusions (1)	Briefing	12
The Vice Chair	Briefing	12
Equality and Diversity Networking – protected characteristics and LGBTQ+ (2)	Networking	31
The Children’s Services Climate Change Strategy	Briefing	16
Be Prepared for Ofsted	Training	15
Finance Update for Governors	Briefing	39
Understanding Performance Data	Training	16
Local Area Forum – the SEND Strategy (2)	Local Area Forum	48
Health and Safety	Training	14
New Governor Networking	Networking	6
Being a parent and being a governor	Briefing	14
Governors New to Primary Education	Training	10

2.4 There have been 42 new governors appointed since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. There has also been some further success with the Governor Recruitment Campaign, with 12 people expressing an interest in becoming a governor and being placed in schools across the county.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None