

Report to: County Consultative Committee

Date of meeting: 12th July 2023

By: Clare Cornford

Title: Local Authority Governor appointments and Governor and Clerking Service 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 29th March 2023, 2 local authority governors were nominated for appointment, all were approved for a 4 year term of office. There was one new appointment and one reapplication.

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| Jennifer Cruse | Pashley Down Infant School | Reappointment |
| Hugh Jones | St Philips Catholic Primary School | New Appointment |

2.2 The Governor and Clerking Service have now embedded the new GovernorHub System for booking training and recording governor details. Out of the 1198 governors in maintained schools, only 212 have not yet signed up to the new system and we are working with these governors to onboard them.

2.3 The team ran a total of 138 sessions for governors over the course of the academic year. This number includes 71 training sessions, 28 networking sessions, 39 briefing sessions and 6 Local Area Forums. There were 199 working days of the academic year 2022-2023, which means that 63% of the academic year has been dedicated to running the training programme. The Governor and Clerking Service will provide an annual training overview for the 2022-23 academic year at the next County Consultative Committee.

2.4 New sessions for the 2023-24 Academic year will include Governance of the Primary Curriculum, Evidencing Challenge, Leadership on the Board, the Pupil Premium, SEND sessions, Termly Clerk Networking and Minute Masterclass.

2.4 There have been 199 new governors appointed since the 1st September 2022 in maintained schools. There has also been some further success with the Governor Recruitment Campaign, with 21 people expressing an interest in becoming a governor since 1st January.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None