



London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECEMBER 2014

CONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report of the CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

Open Report

Classification - For Decision

Key Decision: No

Wards Affected:

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The Cabinet Member has signed this report.

DATE: 12 December 2014

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report recommends a variation in the Instrument of Government for the governing body of St Paul's Church of England Primary School to bring them in line with the School Governance (Constitution) England) Regulations 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Instrument of Government for the governing body of St Paul's Church of England Primary School, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, be made, coming into effect on the date of the first Governing Body meeting following the date of making.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

The Council is required to make a new Instrument of Government.

4. BACKGROUND

The Education Act 2002 and the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 require the governing bodies of all maintained schools to conform to a constitutional model.

The regulations set out the options available to schools in terms of the overall number of governors, the categories of governor and the guiding principles for the constitution.

The constitution of each governing body is laid down in a document known as the Instrument of Government. A governing body may at any time change their constitution, in accordance with the regulations, by varying their Instrument of Government.

5 UPDATE

At the Full Governing Body meeting of St Paul's Church of England Primary School held on 21st October 2014 the governors voted to reconstitute the Governing Body to bring it in line with the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012. The Governing Body had previously been constituted under the School Governance (England) (Constitution) Regulations 2003. The total number of governors will reduce from 16 to 12 and the numbers in each category will be amended to reflect the latest Regulations. The number of governors in each category will change as follows:

- Parent Governors will reduce from 3 to 2
- LA Governors remains the same at 1
- Staff Governors will reduce from 3 to 1
- Headteacher
- Foundation Governors reduce from 9 to 7.

Total = 12

6. INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Accordingly, they have asked the Authority to vary their Instrument of Government to show the amended categories of governors.

Appendix 1 of this report sets out the constitution of the governing body in the form of an Instrument of Government, as requested by the governors of St Paul's Church of England Primary School.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT

The subject of the report is not included on a departmental or corporate risk register.

8 COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

There are no financial implications to the Council.

Comments supplied by Jackie Saddington

9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equality implications.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The School Governance (constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 set out the framework for the constitution of governing bodies and the process of making Instruments of Government. The Instrument of Government proposed in appendix 1 of this report complies with those regulations.

Comments supplied by Jackie Saddington

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No .	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of Holder of File/Copy	Department/Location
1.	Education Act 2002 (PUBLISHED)	Jackie Saddington 020 7598 4782	Tri-borough Children's Services Kensington Town Hall
2.	The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 (PUBLISHED)	Jackie Saddington 020 7598 4782	Tri-borough Children's Services Kensington Town Hall

APPENDIX 1

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INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT:

ST PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. The name of the school is St Paul's Church of England Primary School.
2. The school is a voluntary aided school.
3. The name of the governing body is "The governing body of St Paul's Church of England Primary School".
4. The governing body shall consist of:
 - a. 2 parent governors
 - b. 1 staff governor
 - c. 1 Local Authority governor
 - d. The Head Teacher ex-officio
 - e. 7 Foundation governors
5. Total number of governors is 12.
6. Foundation Governors shall be appointed as follows
 - a. 2 appointed by the London Diocesan Board for Schools
 - b. 2 appointed by the Parochial Church Council of St Paul's Church Hammersmith
 - c. 2 appointed by the Hammersmith and Fulham Deanery
7. a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio: the Vicar of St Paul's Church Hammersmith
 - b. The Archdeacon of Middlesex shall be entitled to appoint a foundation governor to act in the place of the ex-officio governor whose governorship derives from the office named in (a) above, in the event that that ex-officio

governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or has been removed from office under regulation 21 (1) of the Regulations.

- 8.** The Archdeacon of Middlesex shall be entitled to request the governing body to remove the ex-officio foundation governor referred to in 8a above and to appoint any substitute governor.

- 9.** Ethos statement:

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England and in partnership with the Church at parish and diocesan level.

The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian beliefs and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.

- 10.** This instrument of government comes into effect on the date of the first Governing Body meeting following the date of making.

- 11.** This instrument was made by order of Hammersmith & Fulham Local Education Authority on

- 12.** A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the Head Teacher if not a governor).