



London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

FEBRUARY 2015

CONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ST JOHN'S WALHAM GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report of the CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

Open Report

Classification - For Decision

Key Decision: No

Wards Affected:

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The Cabinet Member has signed this report.

DATE: 20 February 2015

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report recommends a variation in the Instrument of Government for the governing body of St John's Walham Green 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 John's Walham Green Church of England Primary School, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, be made, coming into effect from the 6th May 2015.

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 John's Walham Green Church of England Primary School held on 3rd December 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 remain the same at 14 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 2 to 1
- Headteacher
- Foundation Governors remain the same at 8
- Co-opted Governors – A new category of 1

Total = 14

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 John's Walham Green 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

APPENDIX 1

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT:

ST JOHN'S WALHAM GREEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. The name of the school is St John's Walham Green 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 John's Walham Green 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. 1 co-opted governor
 - f. 8 foundation governors
5. Total number of governors is 14.
6. The term of office for parent governors, the staff governor, the local authority governor and 7 foundation governors who are not ex-officio is 4 years.
7. Foundation governors shall be appointed as set out below:

- a. 2 by the London Diocesan Board for Schools (or any person for the time being exercising authority on behalf of the Board);
 - b. 3 by the Hammersmith and Fulham Deanery Synod;
 - c. 2 by the St John's Walham Green Parochial Church Council
- 8.** Foundation governor ex-officio
- a. The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex-officio: the Chief Officiating Minister of St John's Walham Green Church
 - b. The Archdeacon of Middlesex shall be entitled to appoint a foundation governor to act in the place of the ex officio foundation governor whose governorship derives from the office named in (a) above, in the event that that ex officio foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or has been removed from office under regulation 21 (1) of the Regulations.
- 9.** The Archdeacon of Middlesex shall be entitled to request the governing body to remove the ex-officio foundation governor referred to in 8 a. above and to appoint any substitute governor.
- 10.** A trust for the school exists.
- 11.** Recognizing 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 belief 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.
- 12.** This instrument of government comes into effect on the 6th May 2015.
- 13.** This instrument was made by order of Hammersmith & Fulham Local Authority on
- 14.** A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the Head Teacher if not a governor), any Trustees and to the appropriate religious body.

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	Jackie Saddington 020 7598 4782	Tri-borough Children's Services Kensington Town Hall
2.	The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012	Jackie Saddington 020 7598 4782	Tri-borough Children's Services Kensington Town Hall