

MAYOR AND CABINET			
Report Title	Making of Instrument of Government Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation		
Key Decision	Yes	Item No.	
Ward	All		
Contributors	Executive Director for Children and Young People		
Class	Part 1	Date:	20 June 2012

1. Summary

- 1.1 Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Primary Schools have decided to enter into a hard federation (to be known as Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation) and have asked the local authority (LA) to make a new instrument of government for the federation.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The report seeks authority to make an instrument of government for the Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation by the LA by Order:

3. Recommendations

The Mayor is recommended to:

- 3.1 Approve that the instrument of government for the federation listed below be made by LA order:

Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation

1 July 2012

- 3.2 To consider and approve the appointment of 4 Local Authority governors detailed in paragraph 6 below

4. Policy Context

- 4.1 Each school has to have an instrument of government. The LA must satisfy itself that the instruments of government for schools conform to the legislation. The LA must also agree its content
- 4.2 Lewisham's Children & Young People's Plan sets out our vision for improving outcomes for all children and the main purpose of a governing

body is to account for the achievement of children and young people in their school. The appointment of governors is a vital element in achieving these aims.

- 4.3 The appointment of governors supports the broad priorities within Lewisham's Sustainable Community strategy in particular those of being "Ambitious and achieving" and Empowered and responsible". In particular, Governors help inspire our young people to achieve their full potential by removing the barriers to learning and the role of governors promotes volunteering and empowers citizens to be involved in their local area and responsive to the needs of those who live there.
- 4.4 Two specific corporate priorities that are relevant pertain to "community leadership and empowerment" and young people's achievement and involvement.

5. Background

- 5.1 The School Governance (Federation) (England) Regulations 2007 "The Regulations" allows two or more schools to federate under a single governing body. The Regulations also outline the process for this to take place.
- 5.2 The governing bodies of the two schools Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale, having followed the necessary process of consultation, have jointly decided to proceed with the federation and have informed the LA accordingly.
- 5.3 The Governing Body of Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Primary School resolved to agree to the establishment, in accordance with the School Governance (Federations) (England) Regulations 2007, of a hard federation with a single governing body of the following establishments from 1 July 2012:-
- Grinling Gibbons Primary School, Clyde Street, London SE8 5LW; and
 - Lucas Vale Primary School, St. Nicholas Street, London SE8 4QF
- 5.4 Under The Regulations the federated governing body has a choice as to the number of governors. There must be no fewer than 9 and no more than 29 governors.
- 5.5 The federation comprises two community primary schools Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Primary School.
- 5.6 The Regulations set out the principles for a governing body of a Federation comprising community, community special and maintained nursery schools:
- 5.7 The governing body of a federation containing any combination of community schools, community special schools and maintained

nursery schools (and no other category of school) is to comprise the following:

- (a) one third or more must be parent governors, provided that for each federated school at least one parent governor must be elected by the parents of registered pupils at that school or appointed by the governing body of a federation to represent the interests of such parents;
- (b) at least two but no more than one third staff governors;
- (c) one fifth LA governors; and
- (d) one fifth or more community governors.

5.8 Appendix A details the instrument which the federation is asking the LA to make by order

6. Local Authority Governors recommended for appointment to the new Governing Body.

6.1 Appointments to school governing bodies are usually for a four-year term, unless stipulated otherwise in the Instrument of Government. The nominees listed in below would serve the normal 4 years

6.2 Every governing body, under Section 36 and Schedule 9 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, is required to have at least one representative of the Local Authority (LA) as part of its membership. The proposed Instrument of Governance requires that the Local Authority appoint 4 Governors.

6.3 The table below highlights the four governors, all of whom were Local Authority Governor appointments to Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale prior to this joint federation, that the Local Authority seek to appoint to the to the new Governing Body of the Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation.

Name	School	Constituency	Reappointment	New
Joe Perry	Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation	Lewisham East		Yes
Joyce Greene	Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation	Lewisham East		Yes
Barbara Smith	Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale	Lewisham East		Yes

Name	School	Constituency	Reappointment	New
	Federation			
Brian Lymbery	Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation	Lewisham East		Yes

7. Financial implications

7.1 There are no financial implications

8. Legal implications

8.1 These are contained in the body of the report.

9. Crime and Disorder Implications

9.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications

10. Equalities Implications

10.1 Governors have been granted enough flexibility in their choice of constitutional models to enable them to address issues of representation of stakeholder groups and to ensure that governing bodies reflect the communities they serve

11. Environmental Implications

11.1 There are no specific environmental implications

12. Conclusion

12.1 It is for governing bodies to determine their composition and as long as the decision reached is in accordance with the regulations the LA must agree the instrument. The governing body has chosen a model which follows the regulations so the instrument can be made

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APPENDIX A

INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation

1. The name of the federation is: **Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation**

2. The names and categories of the schools in the federation are:

Name	Category
Grinling Gibbons Primary School	Community
Lucas Vale Primary School	Community

3. The name of the governing body is: **The governing body of the Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation.**

4. The governing body shall consist of the following:

Category of governor	No. of governors in each category	Names of school (for parent governors)
Parent governors	6	At least 1 from each school (Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale)
Staff governors	6 (including the Executive Head Teacher and at least 1 member of support staff).	
LA governors	4	
Community governors	4	

5. Total number of governors: **20** who will have a term of office of four years.

6. This instrument comes into effect on **1 July 2012.**

7. This instrument was made by order of Lewisham Local Education Authority on **20 June 2012.**

8. A copy of the Instrument must be supplied to every member of the Governing Body (and the Executive Headteacher if not a governor)