

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>			
<b>Report Title</b>	Governors' Services:- Local Authority Governors and Instruments of Government		
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes	Item No.	
<b>Ward</b>	Various		
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Children and Young People		
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date:	16 January 2013

### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The report sets out details of nominees for appointment as Local Authority governors and amendments to two Instruments of Government.

### **2. Purpose**

- 2.1 To consider and approve the appointment of Local Authority governors detailed in paragraph 6 below.
- 2.2 To consider and agree revised Instruments of Government for All Saints' Church of England Primary School and St. Margaret's Lee Church of England Primary School provided in Appendix 1 and 2 respectively.

### **3. Recommendation/s**

The Mayor is recommended to:

- 3.1 agree the revised Instrument of Government for All Saints' Church of England Primary School and St. Margaret's Lee Church of England Primary School provided in Appendix 1 and 2 respectively;
- 3.2 agree to appoint the persons set out in paragraph 6 as Local Authority governors;
- 3.3 note the information concerning the new and re-appointed governors in Appendix 3.

### **4. Policy Context**

- 4.1 Lewisham's Children & Young People's Plan sets out our vision for improving outcomes for all children. 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.

4.2 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. The role of governors also promotes volunteering and empowers citizens to be involved in their local area and responsive to the needs of those who live there.

4.3 Two specific corporate priorities that are relevant pertain to “community leadership and empowerment” and “young people’s achievement and involvement”.

**5. Background**

5.1 We have recently been informed by the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE), that the legal designation of “The Archdeacon of Lewisham” changed to the “The Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich” , therefore requiring a revision to the previously agreed Instrument of Government for All Saints’ Church of England Primary School and St. Margaret’s Lee Church of England Primary School respectively.

5.2 Every governing body, under Section 19 of the Education Act 2002 and Regulations made under it, is required to have at least one representative of the Local Authority (LA) as part of its membership. Free schools and Academies are exempt from this requirement. A vacancy has arisen on the governing body of the educational establishments listed and a new appointment or re-appointment is required.

5.3 Appointments to school governing bodies are usually for a four-year term, unless stipulated otherwise in the Instrument of Government. The persons listed in paragraph 6 would serve the normal 4 years.

5.4 It is important for Cllr. Adefiranye to remain as a Local Authority governor until Crossways sixth form closes to ensure that there is continuity and capacity within the governing body to undertake necessary governing body activities.

**6. Governors recommended for Appointment / Reappointment**

Name	School	Reappointment	New
Cllr. Obajimi Adefiranye	Crossways sixth form	Yes	
Simon Allen	Torridon Infant School	Yes	
Mary Stiasny	Sydenham School		Yes

## **7. Financial implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **8. Legal implications**

- 8.1 Section 20 of the Education Act 2002 requires all maintained schools to have an instrument of government which determines the constitution of the school and other matters relating to the school.
- 8.2 Each school must have an Instrument of Government detailing the name of the school, the type of school and the membership of the governing body. The category of governor and the number in each category is specified in the Regulations.
- 8.3 The governing body can review the Instrument of Government at any time. When the governing body requests a change to the Instrument, the Local Authority must ensure that the Instrument conforms to the principles laid out in the Regulations and must make the new Instrument. The Instruments of Government proposed by All Saints' Church of England Primary School and St. Margaret's Lee Church of England Primary School conforms to the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 8.4 Section 19 of the Education Act 2002 and Regulations made under it require every governing body to have at least one representative of the Local Authority as part of its membership. Academies are exempt from this requirement.

## **9 Crime and Disorder Implications**

- 9.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **10. Equalities Implications**

- 10.1 Lewisham Council's policy is to encourage all sections of the community to be represented as Local Authority governors. In particular, we would encourage further representation from the black community and minority groups including disabled people, who are currently under-represented as governors. The numbers of governors in these groups is kept under review.

## **11. Environmental Implications**

11.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report.

## **12. Conclusion**

12.1 The new governors detailed in Appendix 3 are either local people or have close connections with Lewisham and view being a governor as a way of serving the local community. 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. A vacancy has arisen on the governing body of the educational establishments listed and a new appointment or re-appointment is required.

12.2 Appointments to school governing bodies are usually for a four-year term, unless stipulated otherwise in the Instrument of Government. The nominees listed in paragraph 6 would serve the normal 4 years.

## **Background Documents**

There are no background papers.

If there are any queries arising from this report, please contact Suhaib Saeed, Strategic Lead Governors' Services and School Leadership, Governors' Services, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Laurence House, telephone 020 8314 7670



**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

1. The name of the school is **All Saints' 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 '**All Saints' Church of England Primary School**'"
4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - a. Three parent governors
  - b. One LA governor
  - c. One staff governor
  - d. One headteacher
  - e. Nine foundation governors
  - f. One co-opted governor
5. Total number of governors **16**
6. The foundation governors in 4(e) above shall comprise:
  - (a) **2** appointed by the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education;
  - (b) **6** appointed by the Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Blackheath

- 7 (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex officio:

The principal officiating minister of the ecclesiastical parish of All Saints' Blackheath

(b) The Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich shall be entitled to appoint a foundation governor to act in place of the ex officio foundation governor whose governorship derives from the office named in 7(a) above, in the event that the ex officio foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his/her governorship exists, or has been removed from office under regulation 21 (1)

8. The Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich shall be entitled to request the governing body to remove the ex officio governor referred to in 7(a) above and appoint any substitute governor
9. The School has a trust
10. 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 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

11. This Instrument of Government comes into effect on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2013**
12. This instrument was made by order of Lewisham Local Authority on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2013**
13. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the headteacher if not a governor), any trustees and to the appropriate religious body



**INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

1. The name of the school is **St Margaret's Lee 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 Margaret's Lee Church of England Primary School** "
4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - a. Three parent governors
  - b. One LA governor
  - c. One staff governor
  - d. One headteacher
  - e. Nine foundation governors
  - f. One co-opted governor
5. Total number of governors **16**
6. The foundation governors in 4(e) above shall comprise:
  - (a) **2** appointed by the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education;
  - (b) **6** appointed by the Parochial Church Council of St Margaret, Lee
- 7 (a) The holder of the following office shall be a foundation governor ex officio:

The principal officiating minister of the ecclesiastical parish of St Margaret,  
Lee

(b) The Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich shall be entitled appoint a foundation governor to act in place of the ex officio foundation governor whose governorship derives from the office named in 7(a) above, in the event that the ex officio foundation governor is unable or unwilling to act as a foundation governor, or there is a vacancy in the office by virtue of which his/her governorship exists, or has been removed from office under regulation 21 (1)

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New LA Governor Appointments and Re-appointments**

**APPENDIX 3**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Residential Area</b>	<b>Précis of Suitability to be considered as a school governor</b>	<b>Governor Monitoring Information</b>
Cllr. Obajimi Adefiranye	Crossways sixth form	Retired / Local Councillor	SE4	Cllr. Adefiranye has been a Local Authority Governor for over 30 years.	Black African
Simon Allen	Torridon Infant School	Housing Manager/ Church Worker	SE6	Actively involved in the community. Has been a governor for nearly 8 years.	White British
Mary Stiasny	Sydenham School	Pro-Director, Institute of Education, University of London	SE26	Has a career in education, with experience in particular of Initial teacher education in four Universities, including two in the local area. Was a teacher, and now a senior manager at the IOE, University of London. She has considerable experience of widening participation and student recruitment to universities, teacher development, curriculum planning among other areas of education.	White British