

**1 Chief Officer Confirmation of Report Submission****2 Cabinet Member Confirmation of Briefing****3 Report for: Mayor****Mayor and Cabinet****Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts)****Executive Director****Information**  **Part 1**  **Part 2**  **Key Decision** 
  
  
  
  


<b>Date of Meeting</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
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<b>Title of Report</b>	Leathersellers Federation of Schools – Variation of Instrument of Government
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<b>Originator of Report</b>	Sue Tipler	<b>46142</b>
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At the time of submission for the Agenda, I confirm that the report has:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Financial Comments from Exec Director for Resources</b>		X
<b>Legal Comments from the Head of Law</b>		X
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder Implications</b>		X
<b>Environmental Implications</b>		X
<b>Equality Implications/Impact Assessment (as appropriate)</b>	√	
<b>Confirmed Adherence to Budget &amp; Policy Framework</b>		X
<b>Risk Assessment Comments (as appropriate)</b>		X
<b>Reason for Urgency (as appropriate)</b>		X

Signed:  Executive Member

Date: 28.02.2012

Signed:  Executive Director Service

Date 28.02.2012

**Control Record by Committee Support**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Listed on Schedule of Business/Forward Plan (if appropriate)	
Draft Report Cleared at Agenda Planning Meeting (not delegated decisions)	
Submitted Report from CO Received by Committee Support	
Scheduled Date for Call-in (if appropriate)	
To be Referred to Full Council	

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Leathersellers Federation of Schools – Variation of Instrument of Government	
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No.
<b>Ward</b>	All Wards	
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Children & Young People	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2012

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 The report asks for a variation in the instrument of the Leathersellers Federation of Schools and sets out the reason why this variation has been requested.

## 2. Purpose

- 2.1 This report seeks authority to make an instrument of government for the Leathersellers Federation of Schools by the LA by Order

## 3. Policy context

- 3.1 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. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that

The instrument of government for the federation listed below be made by the LA by order

‘The Leathersellers’ Federation of Schools

## 5. Narrative

- 5.1 The Leathersellers Federation of Schools will comprise the following schools:

Name	Category
1.Prendergast Hilly Fields College	Voluntary Aided
2.Prendergast Ladywell Fields College	Community
3.Prendergast Vale College	Foundation

- 5.2 Prendergast Vale College is a new school and the Leathersellers Federation acted as the temporary governing body (TGB) for this new school. This new school is a member of the Leathersellers Federation of Schools. The School Governance (Federation) (England) Regulations 2007 allows two or more schools including existing schools and new schools to federate under a single governing body. The instrument of government needs to be changed to reflect the addition of Prendergast Vale College to the federation.
- 5.3 The instrument of government will take effect from the incorporation date as stated in the instrument.
- 5.4 The composition of the instrument of government for a federation of schools must comply with the principles set out in The School Governance (Federation) (England) Regulations 2007. This sets out that:
- 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.
  - The Regulations also sets out the following principles for a governing body comprising more than one category of school including at least one foundation or foundation special or voluntary aided school.
    - (a) for each federated school at least one parent governor;
    - (b) at least two but no more than one third staff governors;
    - (c) at least two but no more than one fifth LA governors;
    - (d) at least two community governors; and
    - (e) at least two foundation governors.
  - The governing body of the federation may, in addition appoint up to two sponsor governors, or where the federation contains secondary schools up to four sponsor governors.
  - Appendix A details the instrument which the federation is asking the LA to make by order.

## **6. Environmental Implications**

- 6.1 There are no specific environmental implications.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 The governing body has chosen a model which complies with the guiding principles set out in paragraph 5.1 and has given a valid reason for seeking the variation.

## **8. Financial implications**

- 8.1 There are no financial implications for the school or the Local Authority.

## **9. Legal implications**

- 9.1 These are contained in the body of the report.

## **10. Crime and disorder implications**

- 10.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

## **11. Equalities implications**

- 11.1 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.

## **12. Environmental implications**

- 12.1 There are no specific environmental implications.

## **13. Conclusion**

- 13.1 The instrument of government of the 'Leathersellers Federation of Schools' had to be changed to both reflect the inclusion of Prendergast Vale to the federation and to provide that Prendergast Vale College as a new school has a permanent governing body. The new instrument complies with the requirements that a governing body comprising more than one category of school including at least one foundation or foundation special or voluntary aided school and can therefore be agreed.

## **14. Background documents and originator**

The School Governance (Federation) (England) Regulations 2007.  
The School Governance (New Schools) England Regulations 2007.

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## INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT

### THE LEATHERSELLERS' FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

1. The name of the Federation is: **The Leathersellers' Federation of Schools.**
2. The names and categories of the schools in the Federation are:

Name	Category
Prendergast Hilly Fields College	Voluntary Aided
Prendergast Ladywell Fields College	Community
Prendergast Vale College	Foundation

3. The name of the governing body is: **The Governing Body of The Leathersellers' Federation of Schools.**
4. The governing body shall consist of:

Category of governor	No. of governors in each category	Names of school (for parent governors 1 for each school))
Parent governors	<b>3</b>	Prendergast Hilly Fields College
		Prendergast Ladywell Fields College
		Prendergast Vale College
Staff governors	<b>3</b>	
Executive Headteacher	<b>1</b>	
LA governors	<b>2</b>	
Community governors	<b>2</b>	
Foundation governors	<b>6</b>	

5. The total number of governors will be **17**.
6. The Leathersellers' Company will nominate the Foundation governors.

7. The term of office for all categories of Governor is four years except for the Executive Headteacher who is a governor ex officio. Each school is responsible through the Clerk to the Governors for organising elections for parent and teacher governors.
8. This Instrument was made by order of the Lewisham Local Authority on **7 March 2012** and will come into effect on **21 March 2012**.
9. A copy of the Instrument must be supplied to every member of the Governing Body (and the Executive Headteacher if not a governor) and any Trustees not on the Governing Body.