

## **Liverpool Governance Forum**

### **AGM**

10:30 on Tuesday 8 November 2022 at  
St Margaret's C of E Academy, Aigburth Rd, Liverpool L17 6AB

#### **1. Welcome by Michael Morris, LGF Chair:**

Existing LGF members were welcomed to the AGM as were Haley Igbokwe governor of Blackmoor Park School, Ian Smith governor of Middlefield School and Joyce Smith Governor of Mossfits School. The three visitors were invited to join LGF.

**Present:** Michael Morris, Maureen McDaid, David Blythe, Cliff Barton, Richard Lovegrove, Dave Cadwallader, Dave Owens, Marlene Taylor, Danielle Azanuwha

**Visitors:** Haley Igbokwe, Ian Smith, Joyce Smith

#### **2. Apologies:** Andy Chadwick, Mary Donohue, Avril O'Brien

#### **3. Approval of the 2021 AGM held on 16 November 2021**

Noted – a typographical error point 3 should read 20 October 2021 not 2020.

It was proposed by DO, seconded by MMC, and unanimously approved that the minutes were a true record.

#### **4. Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report academic year 2021/22**

The Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31.8.22 were shared prior to meeting. DB noted that this was his 8<sup>th</sup> year as treasurer and invited questions related to the financial information presented.

It was noted that LGF income was mainly sourced from individual school subscriptions which currently stand at £25 per school.

Concern was expressed that as schools converted to academies LGF income will reduce in future years as many academized schools are disinclined to continue their LGF subscription.

It was noted that a total of £637.80 (3 cheques) is still to be presented to the bank.

It was proposed by RL, seconded by MMc, and unanimously agreed that the statement should be accepted.

**5. Chair's 2021/22 report and formal presentation of 2022 Annual Review followed by any questions or queries resulting from the report**

MM thanked DB for all his hard work during the preceding year and commented that it made his role as Chair of LGF much easier.

PA was also thanked for her secretarial support.

MM highlighted the passing of Frank McFarlane, who had died earlier this year, stating that his contribution was much missed by LGF and other organisations.

The 2022 Annual Report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

MM highlighted that the LGF Conference, held in July had been a success, despite a relatively poor attendance compared to previous conferences. Kathy Desmond was acknowledged for organising the guest speaker.

It was noted that further discussions are needed as to the time, venue, and topics etc. for forthcoming conferences.

MM commented that LGF have had increasing requests for support across the city, especially to sit on individual school panels, which means the LGF profile is positively received. DC was thanked for highlighting LGF profile in Governance Matters etc. It was noted that to provide this support LGF needs to be strong in numbers and quality. DB thanked governors for willingly supporting other schools when requested.

It was proposed by CB, seconded by DC, and unanimously agreed that the 2022 Annual Review be accepted.

It was noted that the report is widely circulated throughout the city.

**6. Election of Officers/Committee Members/ Representatives for 2022/23**

LGF Chair – MM indicated he was happy to stand as Chair. This was proposed by DO, seconded by DB and unanimously approved.

LGF Vice Chair – MMc indicated she was happy to stand as Vice Chair. This was proposed by CB, seconded by DC, and unanimously approved.

LGF Treasure/Secretary – DB indicated he was happy to stand as Treasurer/Secretary. This was proposed by RL, seconded by MMc, and unanimously approved.

Committee Members – DB explained that there are two types of LGF members, Committee Members (of which there are 14) and Associate Members. The only difference is that Associate Members cannot vote should the need arise. It was noted that there are currently 3 committee members vacancies.

The following members were re-elected to the committee:  
Danielle Azanuwha, Cliff Barton, Dave Cadwallader, Andy Chadwick, Richard Lovegrove, Avril O’Brian, Dave Owen and Marlene Taylor.

Ian Smith, governor of Middlefield School and Haley Igbokwe of Blackmoor Park School were also elected to be full members.

Cllr Barbara Murray, Mary Donohue, Mark Rea were re-elected to be associate members together with Peter Devaney, governor of St Patricks School and Joyce Smith of Mossfits School. *(NB: Both DO and JS are governors at Mossfits and the constitution does not allow two governors from the same school).*

**LGF Representatives:**

LGF members agreed to act as LGF representatives on the following organisations/committees:

LIVERPOOL LEARNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD	Trustee/Director: Michael Morris Observer / Representative: Richard Lovegrove
LIVERPOOL LEARNING PARTNERSHIP All Learners Strategic Group	Dave Owens and Peter Devaney <b>NB: One vacancy</b>
LIVERPOOL LEARNING PARTNERSHIP Learners Who Need More Strategic Group	Avril O’Brian, David Blythe, and Haley Igbokwe
LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS FORUM Primary Members	Cliff Barton, Andy Chadwick, Dave Owens, and Marlene Taylor
LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS FORUM Secondary Members	Maureen McDaid <b>NB: One vacancy</b>
LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS FORUM Special Member	David Blythe <b>NB: One vacancy</b>
LIVERPOOL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (LSCP)	Danielle Azanuwha
SEND JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD	Michael Morris / Maureen McDaid
LIVERPOOL ADMISSIONS FORUM	Avril O’Brian
LCC Priority 4 Education Improvement Group	Michael Morris

It was noted Ian Smith is to be approached regarding serving on LLP All Learners Strategic Group and RL may be able to serve as Liverpool Schools Forum, Special School member in future. Joyce Smith does not have a representative role at present.

**7. Any Other Business**

Not Applicable

Meeting closed at 10:58