

# LIVERPOOL GOVERNANCE FORUM

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 10:00 on 30.1.24 at Kensington Primary School, Brae Street, Liverpool L17 2QG

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The meeting commenced at 10:00

**Guest Speaker:** Elaine Rees, CEO Liverpool Learning Partnership

## 1.0 STANDARD ITEMS:

### 1.1 Welcome and Apologies

**Present:** Maureen McDaid, Dave Cadwallader, Marlene Taylor, Richard Lovegrove, Michelle Hayward

**Apologies:** David Blythe, Andy Chadwick, Haley Igbokwe, Danielle Azanuwha, Michael Morris, Dave Owen, Ian Smith, Joyce Smith, & Avril O'Brien

In the absence of MM the meeting was chaired by MMcD.

### 1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No changes to previous information were declared.

### 1.3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting had already been agreed upon by email and posted on the LGF website.

### 1.4 Matters Arising

<b>Actions</b>	
Meeting with Jo McCarthy for MM & MMcD to be confirmed. <b>Initially set up but needs to be rearranged due to individual's availability</b>	MMcD
DC is to be provided with a list of schools that do not subscribe to LFG <b>To be actioned</b>	DB

AO'B is to be sent X (formally Twitter) suggestions. <b>Actioned</b>	PA
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## 2.0 LGF Matters and Events

### 2.1 Finance

DO confirmed the LGF funds currently stand at £5,557.42. DO confirmed the LGF HSBC account has been closed and now the Lloyds account is the only LGF bank account in use.

### 2.2 Feedback from Events

There have been no events since the last LGF meeting.

### 2.3 Future Events

\*Governor Induction Pack - DC reported that he hoped to involve the SIL marketing team in the final preparation of the Governor Induction Pack. There was a discussion regarding the distribution of the packs and it was felt that initially 5 copies of the pack should be sent to all schools that subscribe to LGF, further copies could be available on request.

RL asked if the packs would be distributed to academies. DC replied that academies are invited to subscribe to LGF and this was a topic that would be highlighted at the forthcoming meeting with Jo McCarthy.

\*LGF Conference – to be an agenda item for the next LGF meeting. Noted dates, venue, and topic(s) for the conference need to be confirmed. It was suggested that 'Behaviour. What can be done at the Governor level?' to be considered as a possible topic for the conference.

### 2.4 Website

DB confirmed prior to the meeting that the LGF website was up to date.

## **2.5 X (Twitter)Account**

Posts to be forwarded to AO'B for uploading to the LGF X account are:

1. Elaine Rees, CEO of LLP attended The LGF meeting held on 30.1.24 to consult with governors regarding their perception of LLP and possible future support it could offer.
2. Details regarding the forthcoming LGF Conference will be available soon.

## **2.6 Others**

Not applicable

## **3.0 Feedback from Representatives**

### **3.1 Liverpool Schools Forum**

There were 2 meetings held in January. MH attended both meetings and reported that a lack of funding was highlighted. It was agreed in principle how pupil premium is allocated to all schools and noted that IDACI funding will not always be the key factor in allocating funds. The meetings also looked at growth areas and school budgets.

Concern was expressed that documentation to be examined at the meetings was often shared with insufficient time for it to be read prior to the meetings.

The next meeting LSF meeting is to be held on 13 March, 1:00 at Gateacre School. MMcD confirmed she is to attend and will provide feedback at the next LGF meeting.

### **3.2 LLP Executive Board**

There have been no meetings since the last LGF meeting.

### **3.3 LLP All Learners**

No feedback available

### **3.4 LLP Learners Who Need More**

There have been no meetings since the last LGF meeting.

### 3.5 Liverpool Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)

There have been no meetings since the last LGF meeting.

### 3.6 Ethical Leadership/Other

It was noted that SIL proposed that schools adopt the publication provided by Lisa Dorrity at last meeting.

### 4.0 Other Items:

- DB asked for it to be noted that he had received a Christmas card from Joe Hartley containing good wishes for LGF members.
- RL enquired if there had been any progress with the Governors Focus Group as suggested by Ahmad Dolani at a previous LGF meeting. DC replied that he had not been in contact with Mr Dolani recently but Mr Dolani was still looking to meet with focus groups to gather opinions on how to make Governance more diverse.  
Governors were invited to contact Mr Dolani directly if they wished to be involved on [a.a.dolani@2020.ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:a.a.dolani@2020.ljmu.ac.uk)
- A discussion took place regarding future venues for LGF meetings. It was noted that Childwall Primary School and The Millenium Centre had previously been popular venues. PA/DB are to investigate the availability of these venues for future meetings.

### Time and Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 26 March 2024 – PA is to contact DO to confirm if Mossfits School is available for next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:30

Actions	
DC is to be provided with a list of schools that do not subscribe to LGF	DB
DO to be contacted regarding the availability of Mossfits School for the LGF meeting to be held on 26.3.24	PA
Venues for forthcoming LGF meetings to be investigated	PA/DB

## Appendix 1

**Guest Speaker:** Elaine Rees, CEO of Liverpool Learning Partnership.

Elaine Rees was welcomed by MMcD. ER said the reason for addressing the meeting was to ascertain governors' general opinion of the service LLP currently provides and to see what areas they felt LLP could provide support with in the future. She said that she had been CEO of LLP for 8 years and was currently consulting with various groups regarding LLP's structure and way forward.

ER explained that as a charity LLP can bid for funding which means they can keep the cost to schools low. It currently stands at £2 per pupil. Schools that subscribe to LLP receive a service far in excess of this cost. She highlighted the Mental Health Offer available to schools, Assessment Tools, providing authors, and learning resources as part of the service LLP currently provides.

A discussion took place where governors raised concerns including the following:

- Mental health of pupils, staff, and governors.
- Pupil behaviour and what governors can do to support their schools in reducing exclusions.
- Research into 'trigger points' that could help prevent exclusions. Provision of 'How to' guides.
- Training provided for recently qualified teachers.
- The increasing amount of documentation governors are expected to digest.
- A lack of connection between professional bodies.
- Getting more support/understanding from parents/carers when dealing with disciplinary issues.
- Improved links between Governor Exclusion Panels and the Independent Review Panel.
- Information on Early Year support.

ER noted the governors' suggestions and said that they echoed the thoughts of other parties with which she had spoken. She thanked the governors for the opportunity to speak to them. MMcD thanked ER and wished her well with the consultation.