

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE**
10 March 2015**Report of Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults****APPROVAL OF SHADOW GOVERNING BODY CONSTITUTION AND
APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW SCHOOL GOVERNORS****1. Purpose of report**

To ask the Cabinet member to approve the appointments of persons to serve as shadow governors at The Pingle School.

2. Information and Analysis

In September 2013 the Local Authority appointed an Interim Executive Board for the purpose of providing governance for The Pingle School, Swadlincote. The Board has been very successful in bringing stability and improving the quality of education at the school. It was felt that it is the correct time to take governance of the school to the next stage.

The School Governance (Transition from an Interim Executive Board) (England) Regulations 2010 ('the 2010 Regulations'), provide for the local authority to make arrangements for the transition of a governing body constituted as an Interim Executive Board to a normally constituted governing body. Part 3 of the 2010 Regulations makes provision for the establishment of a shadow governing body and the composition of the shadow governing body is set out under Part 4 of the 2010 Regulations. Members of the shadow governing body are appointed by the local authority.

To minimise disruption to governance at the school, the local authority had endeavoured to anticipate The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 ('the 2012 Regulations') and, as the first stage in establishing a shadow governing body, the Cabinet member agreed the appointment on 7 October 2014, of 2 shadow parent governors, 1 shadow staff governor and 1 shadow co-opted governor who, together with the former IEB members, would form the shadow governing body.

In December 2014 a DfE consultation entitled 'Consultation Paper on Changes to the Arrangements for School Governance in Maintained Schools' was launched to re-align the constitution of shadow governing bodies with that of The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012 ('the 2012 Regulations') The consultation proposes that the 2010 Regulations are amended to require temporary governing bodies and shadow governing bodies to be constituted under the 2012 Regulations from September 2015.

Having sought clarification from the DfE, it has been confirmed that the constitution of the shadow governing body needs to comply with The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007 ('the 2007 Regulations').

It is, therefore, proposed to re-categorise the 1 shadow co-opted governor approved on 7 October to shadow staff governor and reconfigure the constitution to demonstrate adherence to the 2007 Regulations.

The appointments will be subject to the completion of a Declaration of Eligibility form and a proof of identity check.

3. Other considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity and health, legal, financial, personnel and property considerations.

The proposed arrangements comply with the current prevailing regulations.

4. Background Papers

The School Governance (Transition from an Interim Executive Board) (England) Regulations 2010.

The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2007.

The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012.

Consultation paper on changes to the arrangements for school governance in maintained schools, December 2014.

5. Key Decision?

No

6. Officer's Recommendation

That persons be appointed to serve as shadow governors at The Pingle School as set out.

Ian Johnson
Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults

The Cabinet member is asked to approve the appointment of the following persons to serve as shadow governors at The Pingle School:

1 shadow authority governor: Councillor Paul Dunn

1 shadow staff governor: Rob Rea

2 shadow community governors: David Baker, John Beaty

2 shadow partnership governors: Patricia Bullen, Terry De la Fuente