



CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The organisation shall be called The **Kent Governors' Association** (referred to as KGA)

2. Objectives

- a) To be an independent association of governors with no political affiliation
- b) To broaden participation in school governance and provide a democratic forum for the exchange of ideas
- c) To encourage co-operation between governing bodies, schools and Districts
- d) To provide a formal channel of communication with the LA and a mechanism for consultation and negotiation on educational matters
- e) To further good relationships with the LA and other relevant bodies
- f) To maintain links with Kent Governor Services
- g) To further governors' interests regionally and nationally through membership of the National Governors' Association (NGA)
- h) To provide a coherent voice for Kent governors in making representations to local and central government on matters of common concern

3. Membership

- a) Membership of the association shall be open to all governing bodies of Kent maintained schools
- b) Individual governors shall be members by virtue of being members of a governing body in the association
- c) The Education Learning & Skills Corporate Director or nominated representative shall have a right to attend any meeting of the association, its executive committee or any working group

4. Subscription

Affiliation fees to the NGA shall be paid by Kent County Council subject to funding availability and reviewed annually

5. Executive Committee and Officers

- a) The Executive Committee (the committee) shall consist of a maximum of 30 members and will comprise:
 - executive members selected by the local districts
 - a representative of the Education Learning & Skills Corporate Director
 - a maximum of six additional memberships may be offered at the discretion

of the KGA Executive

- b) At the first executive meeting of each academic year, a chair and vice chair shall be elected
 - c) No chair or vice chair may hold office for more than 3 years consecutively
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- d) The term of office for an executive member shall be four years. No executive member may hold office for more than two terms (8 years)
 - e) Where a local district fails to select/elect an Executive Member, the executive committee will make every effort to encourage and support a local appointment. However where this proves impossible the committee may make their own appointment in order to strengthen and support long term local participation
 - f) An Executive Member may be removed from office if he/she has failed to attend a KGA executive meeting for 6 months without offering accepted apologies
 - g) The quorum shall be one third of those executives in office. The chair shall have a second or casting vote if there are equal number for and against a proposal
 - h) The executive committee shall be responsible for the day to day running of the association
 - i) The executive committee shall appoint a clerk to the association to be paid as a level 2 clerk in accordance with the KCC Clerking Agency rates
 - j) A resolution to amend this constitution can only be considered by the Association at a county meeting at which an amendment to the constitution is shown as an agenda item

6. Districts

- a) Work with the LA to develop a sustainable district based format for local governor networking meetings

7. Working Groups

The Executive Committee may establish such working groups as it sees fit.

8. Meetings

- a) There shall be three Countywide governor meetings per year, autumn, spring and summer
- b) To consider special and immediate concerns, 'Additional County meetings' may be called either by the Executive Committee or as requested by a minimum of 10 governing bodies
- c) The Executive Members shall draw up the agenda for each countywide meeting and approve the minutes of each meeting
- d) The executive committee shall meet a minimum of three times each year, with each meeting planned to precede a countywide assembly by a minimum of one month. Additional meetings of the executive may be convened at such times as they deem necessary to conduct the effective management of the association

9. Finance

The LA will negotiate any funding for the association on an annual basis

10. Representation on other bodies

Where the Association is invited to nominate representatives to other bodies,

such persons shall be selected in accordance with protocols agreed by the Executive Committee.

11. Dissolution

If the Executive Committee decides, by a simple majority vote to propose the dissolution of the Kent Governors' Association, it shall call a Special General Meeting (SGM) giving not less than 60 days notice. If a simple majority of those attending agrees, the Kent Governors' Association shall be dissolved.

Amended by the KGA Executive Committee on 8 February 2012