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## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**DATE 17 MARCH 2011**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **CABINET DECISION**

**Children and Young People – Lead Cabinet member – Councillor Mrs McCoy**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY GOVERNING BODIES FOR OUR LADY AND ST BEDE RC, ST MICHAEL'S RC AND ST PATRICK'S RC SCHOOLS.**

1. Summary

This report details the need to establish temporary governing bodies for Our Lady and St Bede RC, St Michael's RC and St Patrick's RC Schools. In line with section 8 of The School Governance (Federations) (England) Regulations 2007, the federated governing body of Pope Benedict XVI agreed at their meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 to dissolve the Federation with effect from 1 May 2011.

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3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

Under The School Governance (Federations) (England) Regulations 2007, and in line with the requirements of The School Governance (New Schools) England Regulations 2007, local authorities must establish a temporary governing body when a federation is dissolved.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

**Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.**

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**DETAIL**

1. On 19 January 2011 the Governing Body of Pope Benedict XVI Federation voted to dissolve the Federation from 1 May 2011.
2. Temporary Governing Bodies need to be established for each of the three secondary schools, however, on the date of dissolution the temporary governing body of each school is incorporated as the permanent governing body under the name given in the school's instrument of government.
3. Following consultation with the Diocesan Authorities of Middlesbrough and Hexham & Newcastle and the schools concerned, the proposed temporary governing bodies would have the following membership:
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4. The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and the Diocese of Middlesbrough will be responsible for appointing Foundation and Parent Governors. The Diocesan Authorities will also make recommendations for staff appointments who would subsequently be appointed by each of the Governing Bodies concerned.
5. The Local Authority shall appoint one Local Authority Representative for each of the schools.
6. The Local Authority appointments will be dealt with in accordance with the procedure for the appointment of school governors approved as Minute 84 of the Cabinet (11 May 2000).

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

This proposal falls under The School Governance (Federations) (England) Regulations 2007, Section 34 of the Education Act 2002 and in line with the requirements of The School Governance (New Schools) England Regulations 2007.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

A risk assessment has been carried out. The proposal is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.”

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the functions of the School & Governor Support Service, which included governor appointments, to ensure that all residents have equal opportunities to benefit from its aims and objectives.

## **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and Diocese of Middlesbrough have been consulted.

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Education related

Yes

Background Papers

None

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Grangefield: Councillors Cockerill and Broughton  
Billingham East: Councillor Stoker  
Mandale & Victoria: Councillors Large and Walmsley

Property

None