

<b>MAYOR &amp; CABINET</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Review of Instrument of Government	
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No. 11
<b>Ward</b>		
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Children and Young People	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 5 March 2008

### 1. Summary

The report asks for a variation in the instrument of Rangefield Primary School and sets out the reason why this variation has been requested.

### 2. Purpose

To seek a variation to the Instrument of Government of Rangefield Primary School

### 3. Policy Context

The governing body or the local education authority may review the instrument of government of a school at any time after it has been made. Where the governing body decides that the instrument of government should be varied, the governing body must notify the local education authority of its proposed variation together with its reasons for proposing the variation. Once the change has been agreed the instrument should be varied by order of the authority.

### 4. Recommendations

It is recommend that the local education authority agree to the proposed variation of the instrument of government of Rangefield Priimary School i.e. to increase the number of governors from **13**to **16**

### 5. Narrative

- 5.1** Under the regulations (Statutory Instrument 2003 /348) the governing body has a choice as to the number of governors. The number of governors must be no fewer than 9 and no more than 20, excluding sponsor governors. For community schools, maintained nursery schools and community special schools the governing body must comprise the following:

- one third or more must be parent governors;
- at least two but no more than one third must be staff governors;
- one fifth must be LEA governors; and
- one fifth or more must be community governors.

The governing body may in addition appoint up to two sponsor governors.

**5.2** Unless otherwise stated the term of office for all categories of governor is 4 years (except the Headteacher who is ex officio). The governing body can decide to set a shorter term for one or more categories of governor, however, the term of office cannot be shorter than one year.

**5.3** A review of instrument(s) may be undertaken any time after being made to ensure that the composition is appropriate to meet the needs of the school(s) from time to time.

**5.4** The governing body of Rangefield Primary School at a quorate meeting on 14 February 2008 reviewed its instrument and resolved to ask the Local Authority to vary its instrument allowing it to increase the total number of governors from **13** to **16**

The governing body wish to appoint additional governors to strengthen the governing body and help it in moving the school forward.

**5.5** No change is proposed in the length of term of office for governors this will remain at 4 years

**5.6**

	Current Composition of the GB	Proposed new composition of the GB
Parent (one third or more)	4	5
Staff (at least two but no more than one third - including the Headteacher)	3	3
LEA (one fifth)	3	3
Community (one fifth or more)	3	5
Total	13	16

**5.7** Appendix A contains details of the new instrument

## **6. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications for the school or the Local Authority.

**7. Legal Implications**

These are contained in the body of the report.

**8. Crime and Disorder Implications**

There are no specific crime and disorder implications.

**9. Equalities Implications**

Governors have been granted enough flexibility in their choice of constitutional models to enable them to address issues of representation of stakeholder groups and to ensure that governing bodies reflect the communities they serve.

**10. Environmental Implications**

There are no specific environmental implications.

**11. Conclusion**

The governing body has chosen a model which complies with the guiding principles set out in para 5.1 and has given a valid reason for seeking the variation.

Background Papers

<u>Short Title of Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>File Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>	<u>Exempt Information</u>
Statutory Instrument School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations	2003	Governors' Services	Lineth Allen	n/a
Education Act 2002	2002	Governors' Services	Lineth Allen	n/a

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## APPENDIX

### INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT: COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

1. The name of the school is **Rangefield Primary School**
2. The school is a **community school**.
3. The name of the governing body is **The governing body of Rangefield Primary School**
4. The governing body shall consist of:
  - (a) **5** parent governors;
  - (b) **3** LEA governors;
  - (c) **3** staff governors;
  - (d) **5** community governors.
5. Total number of governors **16**
6. This instrument of government comes into effect: on **6 March 2008**
7. This instrument was made by order of the London Borough of Lewisham Local Education Authority on **5 March 2008**
8. A copy of the instrument must be supplied to every member of the governing body (and the headteacher if not a governor)