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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 13 July 2011

Subject: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To recommend an amendment to the Constitution to enable the Governor Appointments Panel to appoint Authority Governors to the new Academies

FOR DECISION

Introduction

1. (1) The Governor Appointments Panel currently makes appointments or removals of Authority Governors to school governing bodies and to Management Committees of Pupil Referral Units.

(2) In 2010, the Government brought in legislation permitting Authority schools to become autonomous bodies (Academies). Technically, therefore, Academies qualify as Outside Bodies for the purposes of appointing representatives from the County Council.

(3) Should the Authority wish (when invited to do so) to make an appointment, it would currently fall to this Committee to decide whether to make an appointment.

(4) The Governor Appointments Panel was set up to free this Committee from carrying out this function for educational establishments. It is recommended that this function should be broadened to include Academies.

(5) Should the Committee be minded to agree, it will need to recommend an amendment to the County Council permitting the Governor Appointments Panel to make appointments to the Governing Bodies of Academies.

Recommendation

2. (1) The Committee is invited to recommend to the County Council that its terms of reference should be amended to enable the Governor Appointments Panel to appoint and remove Authority Governors to and from the Governing Body of Academies.

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