



CONSTITUTION

1. Name

- a) The organisation shall be called Staffordshire Governors Association (referred to as SGA).

2. Objectives

- a) To be an independent, democratic forum for all Governing Boards in Staffordshire which will include Stoke on Trent throughout this document.
- b) To assist Governing Boards to further the interests and education of all children and young people in Staffordshire.
- c) To promote the highest possible standards of School Governance.
- d) To encourage co-operation and the sharing of good practice between schools and Governing Boards.
- e) To further good relationships with the local authority and other relevant agencies.
- f) To provide a vehicle for expressing collective views of Governing Boards and to make appropriate representation at local, regional and national levels.
- g) To maintain links with Entrust.
- h) To provide a coherent voice for Staffordshire Governors in making representations to central government on matters of common concern.

3. Membership

- a) Membership of the SGA shall be open to all Governing Boards of Staffordshire schools/academies.
- b) Individual Governors shall be members by virtue of being members of a Governing Board.
- c) It may be necessary at certain events to include Chair of Governors and one other within the membership and make a charge for any further members of that Governing Board.

4. Funding

- a) All monies gained shall be applied to further the aims of the SGA and for no other purposes.
- b) The accounting period for the SGA will commence April 1st each year.
- c) A Representative nominated by the Executive Committee shall keep an account of all income and expenditure and submit detailed audited accounts.
- d) The SGA will keep bank/building society account in its name. Withdrawals will be made by any one of three authorised signatures.
- e) The SGA will make payment of reasonable expenses / fees to an individual who is commissioned to do works for which the SGA receives an income.
- f) The SGA will not go into debt.



5. Executive Committee

- a) The management of the SGA will be vested in a Committee of no less than six Representatives with a maximum of twelve Representatives.
- b) All members of the Executive Committee will be a Governor in a Staffordshire school.
- c) The Executive Committee will include, in principle, representation from all types of schools within the authority, all phases of education and, where possible, representation from geographical clusters.
- d) The Representatives will be Governors who express an interest in working with and promoting the aims of the SGA.
- e) The Executive Committee will meet at least once per term, meetings will be organised as and when is necessary, depending on the level of activity taking place within the SGA i.e. organising a Conference.
- f) A resolution to amend the Constitution can only be considered by the Executive Committee with a majority of Representatives present.

6. Working Groups

- a) The Executive Committee shall have the authority to form working parties and/or sub-committees from the SGA members. Decisions of the working parties or sub-committees shall be ratified by a subsequent full meeting of the Executive Committee.

7. Association Events

- a) All governors belonging to a Governing Board will be entitled to attend SGA events.

8. Affiliations

The SGA may affiliate to any other body whose aims are consistent with those of the SGA, as decided at an SGA meeting.

9. Representation on other Boards

Where the SGA is invited to nominate representatives onto other bodies/boards, the Executive Committee shall nominate such persons. Wherever possible, such appointees should be members of the Executive Committee.

10. Dissolution.

The SGA may be dissolved by resolution put to an Extraordinary General Meeting receiving 60% of the votes of those Representatives attending.



11. Dismissal/Suspension

- a) Any dissatisfaction or complaint against a Representative on the Executive Committee or a Governing Body should be made in writing to the Executive Committee.
- b) The matter will be raised at the next full SGA meeting.
- c) Any conduct regarded as bringing the SGA into disrepute will be voted on by the Executive Committee, its verdict recorded and an appropriate letter of action will be sent to the party in question.

Any matter not provided for in this Constitution shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

Revised, agreed and accepted.....April 2016.....