

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Report from the Corporate Director for People
to
Cabinet
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**Agenda
Item No.**

**Revised Scheme of Delegation and Instrument of Government for the
Governance of Southend Adult Community College**

Executive Councillor: Councillor Anne Jones
Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

1. Purpose of Report

This report proposes a further revision to the Scheme of Delegation and Instrument of Government for the Governance of Southend Adult Community College. This follows a decision made by the Governing Body of the College to change the existing governance arrangements from a committee based model to a single executive board. Appendix 1 is the proposed revision to the Scheme of November 2014.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the revised Scheme of Delegation and Instrument of Government, (June 2015) for the Governance of Southend Adult Community College is approved
- 2.2. That the revised number of Local Authority members, as detailed in 3.4, is approved

3. Background

- 3.1. The Scheme of Delegation and Instrument of Government for the Governance of Southend Adult Community College was recently reviewed in November 2014. The purpose of the previous review was to update the content and the terminology of the Scheme in the light of changes to office holders within the Council and to arrangements for financial delegation.
- 3.2. The previous revision of November 2014, also clarified arrangements for the appointment of Local Authority members of the governing body. The arrangements agreed were for the number of Local Authority members to be three on a Board of 16 and for at least one of these and no more than two, to be elected members of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council. The Scheme also clarified the process by which Local Authority members are chosen, namely that they are nominated by the Corporate Director for People in consultation with all members of the Appointments and Disciplinary Committee and that LA governors whose term of office expires, shall be eligible for re-election.
- 3.3. This further revision, proposed to be implemented for the start of the new academic year, includes the following changes:

3.3.1 Reducing the number of governors from 16 to 12

3.3.2 Reducing the number of Local Authority governors from 3 to 2

3.3.3 Ensuring that at least one of the two Local Authority governors is an Elected Member of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

4. Other Options

4.1. Staying the same. This option has been considered mainly on the grounds of capacity and maintaining a breadth of experience. Governors agreed that continuing with a large governing body and a committee structure is out of step with the modernisation of governance being seen elsewhere in the FE sector and commended as good practice.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1. To ensure that the College complies fully with the legislative and regulatory requirements

6. Corporate Implications

6.1. Contribution to the Council's vision and corporate priorities

6.2. Financial Implications - None

6.3. Legal Implications - It is a requirement for the Council to have a Scheme of Delegation in place and approved

6.4. People Implications - None

6.5. Property Implications - None

6.6. Consultation - None required

6.7. Equality and Diversity Implications - These are reflected in the scheme

6.8. Risk Assessment

The risk of not updating would be to the detriment of the effectiveness of the college's governing body in meeting the strategic challenges facing adult and community education provision and, potentially, the outcome of any future Ofsted inspection.

6.9. Value for Money – None

6.10. Community Safety Implications - None

6.11. Environmental Impact - None

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Proposed revised Scheme of Delegation and Instrument of Government for the Governance of Southend Adult Community College