

WILLAND SCHOOL
EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNING BODY MEETING
 MINUTES OF MEETING 5th MAY 2016

Present: Mr R Carswell Chair of Governors
 Mr D White Vice-chair of Governors
 Miss A Hawkins Headteacher
 Mr L Cottrell
 Mrs S Manley
 Ms S Leach
 Mrs S Nisbet
 Mrs W Upham

Mrs A Hills Clerk to Governors

Absent: Dr E Santos
 Mrs H Baxter

Item Discussed	Action/Resolution	Gov Action Prop/Sec
1. Apologies for Absence	Dr Santos, Mrs Baxter	RC/AH
2. Declaration of Interest	None	
3. Academisation	<p>Miss Hawkins and Mr. Carswell outlined the background of the Educational Excellence Everywhere white paper and the guidance that had been received from recent meetings and communications. Mr. Cottrell felt it would be useful to have a list of pros and cons. Mr. Carswell said that the main difference was the funding. Miss Hawkins said that this also meant that the budget is given monthly rather than annually.</p> <p>Miss Hawkins said that the first question is do we want to become an academy? Mr. White said that this is somewhat irrelevant if academisation is inevitable. Miss Hawkins said then the next question is when do we become an academy and if we want to be a MAT who do we want to join with? Mr. Carswell said that the first step is to become a stand-alone academy. Ms. Leach asked whether the next step should be to consult the teachers. Miss Hawkins agreed that this would need to be done. Mr. Carswell said that in future the school would have to become part of a MAT and it would be better to lead it. Mr. White said that if it is still the case that outstanding schools can form a stand-alone academy then it might be prudent to move to an academy sooner rather than later. The school is already affiliated to being a teaching school with Uffculme School and PAT. After some discussion between the Governors decided that more information was needed to enable considered decisions to be made.</p> <p>Miss Hawkins and Mrs. Hills will make enquiries about funding. Mr. Carswell and Mr. White are attending a course run by Governor services at Babcock and will feed back. Mr. White and Mrs. Manley will investigate the set up costs. This information will all be brought back to the next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AH/AHi</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RC/DW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DW/SM</p>
4. LA Governor Appointment	Rev. Talbot has expressed an interest in becoming a Governor. He will be approached to complete the application form.	
5. Date of Next Meeting	9 th June 2016	
6. Approval of minutes	The Governors approved the minutes	WU/SM