

AGENDA ITEM: 15

REPORT TO: Council of Governors – 10 November 2021

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SUBJECT: Governor Membership and Election Update Report

If this report cannot be discussed at a public Board meeting, please explain why.

N/A

This report is provided for:

Decision ☐

Endorsement ☐

Assurance ☒

Information ☒

The purpose of this report is to:

To brief the Council on any changes to the membership of the Council of Governors, to provide an update on progress with Governor elections and to update on other Council of Governor matters.

Recommendations and decisions required

The Council is asked to note the content of this report.

Executive summary

GOVERNOR MEMBERSHIP

Since the last Council meeting, the following changes have taken place to the membership of the Council.

New Governors

The Trust is pleased to welcome two new Staff Governors, who commenced in post on 22 September 2021:

Erin Murray – Staff Governor: Management & Administration

Dr Paul Winterbottom – Staff Governor: Medical, Dental & Nursing

The Council is asked to note that this will be Katie Clark's final Council meeting as a Staff Governor. Katie will be coming to the end of her final term on 14 December, having represented Management & Administration staff for 6 years. As agreed by the Council in November 2020, once Katie's position comes to an end, the number of Staff Governors representing the Management & Administration staff class will reduce to 2 from the existing 3.

The current list of Trust Governors, along with appointment dates is included at the end of this report.

GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

The Trust was successful in appointing two new Staff Governors in its recent elections. However, the position for a Public Governor representing the Forest of Dean remains vacant. Discussions have been taking place with colleagues and local networks in the Forest about the role of the Governor and Ingrid Barker and Chris Witham, Lead Governor will be attending some meetings during November to publicise the role.

The Trust plans to carry out a further election to commence at the end of November. This election process will be seeking nominations for the following positions:

1 x Public Governor: Forest of Dean

1 x Public Governor: Stroud

A question was received at the September CoG meeting to see whether both Stroud Governor positions could be advertised at this time, noting that Mervyn Dawe's term of office would come to an end on 30 June 2022. This has been considered and it was felt that the current vacant position would be advertised this year, with the second post being held until May 2022. It was felt that filling the position now with a 'shadow' Governor would disadvantage those new members who will join the Trust over the next 6 months and not have equal opportunity to apply for the post.

Risks

None identified

Corporate considerations

Quality Implications	None identified
Resource Implications	None identified
Equality Implications	None identified

Where has this issue been discussed before?

N&R Committee and Council of Governors

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Governors and Appointment Dates (as at 22 Sept 2021)

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Appendix 1

Governors and Appointment Dates (as at 22 September 2021)

Governors				
Name	Constituency	Sub-constituency	Date Appointed	End of Term*
Dan Brookes	Public	Cheltenham BC (2 posts)	7 Sept 2020	6 Sept 2023
Juanita Paris	Public		7 Sept 2020	6 Sept 2023
Jenny Hincks	Public	Cotswold DC (2 posts)	1 July 2019	30 June 2022
Graham Hewitt	Public		1 August 2020	31 July 2023
VACANT	Public	Forest DC (2 posts)		
Chris Witham**	Public		7 Sept 2020	6 Sept 2023
Said Hansdot*	Public	Gloucester City (2 posts)	1 July 2019	30 June 2022*
Tracey Thomas	Public		7 Sept 2020	6 Sept 2023
VACANT	Public	Stroud DC (2 posts)		
Mervyn Dawe*	Public		1 July 2019	30 June 2022*
Andy Holness	Public	Tewkesbury BC (2 posts)	15 July 2021	14 July 2024
Laura Bailey	Public		1 January 2021	31 December 2023
Ruth McShane	Public	Greater England and Wales	7 Sept 2020	6 Sept 2023
Kizzy Kukreja	Staff	Medical, Dental & Nursing (3 posts)	1 January 2021	31 December 2023
Dr Paul Winterbottom	Staff		22 Sept 2021	21 Sept 2024
Katherine Stratton	Staff		1 March 2020	28 February 2023
Nic Matthews	Staff	Health and Social Care Professions (2 posts)	1 June 2021	31 May 2024*
Sarah Nicholson	Staff		9 March 2020	6 March 2023
Katie Clark	Staff	Management, Admin & Other (3 posts)***	15 Dec 2018	14 Dec 2021*
Karen Bennett	Staff		27 Nov 2019	26 Nov 2022
Erin Murray	Staff		22 Sept 2021	21 Sept 2024
Rebecca Halifax	Appointed	Glos County Council (1 post)	1 July 2021	n/a
Julie Clatworthy	Appointed	Gloucestershire CCG (1 post)	1 June 2020	n/a

* Second term - Cannot stand for election again

** Lead Governor

*** Management, Admin & Other – to reduce to 2 posts from 14 December 2021