

## EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL.

### **Scoping document for the review of school governance arrangements.**

The purpose of this review is to feed into the development of an effective School Governance Strategy.

#### **Objectives of the Inquiry.**

1. To consider whether there is sufficient capacity within Portsmouth City Council to provide the necessary support to governing bodies in the city.
2. To consider recruitment and retention of school governors in the city.
3. To consider the skills of school governors, take up of training by governors, their ability to understand and interpret school data and ability to hold senior leaders to account.
4. To consider how effective the existing arrangements are for governing body self-review.
5. To consider how effective clerking of governing bodies currently is and what can be done to strengthen clerking in the city.
6. To consider good practice from other local authorities.

#### **Possible Witnesses.**

##### Headteachers from the following schools:

- Corpus Christi Primary
- Arundel Court Primary
- Springfield Secondary
- Priory Secondary
- Maggie Dunford, Willows Centre
- Alison Beane, Mary Rose Special School

##### Clerks from the following schools:

- City of Portsmouth Boys
- Cottage Grove Primary, Langstone Junior
- Mayfield Secondary
- St Swithun's Catholic Primary
- Cliffdale Special School

##### Governors from the following schools:

- St Swithun's Primary and St Edmunds Catholic Secondary
- Wimborne Junior
- The Harbour
- Mary Rose
- St Paul's Catholic Primary

##### Additionally - written evidence will be sought from:

- The Chief Executive, National Governors Association
- Beacon View Primary, National Leader of Governance
- National College for Teaching and Leadership.