

Chair's Report & Presentation of Accounts

The Devon Association of Governance (DAG) is the association representing more than 3,000 school governors, trustees, directors, clerks and company secretaries across the Devon Local Authority. DAG membership is free and automatic for any school governor, trustee, director, clerk and company secretary within the Devon Local Authority whether in a maintained school, academy or other state funded school.

The past year has been another extremely busy one for governors generally and consequently for DAG. It has once again been a period of change and challenge for schools and governors. We are fortunate at DAG to have a great team of people, directors and office holders, who are dedicated to governance and who have worked tirelessly to represent governors and to make sure the information needed to support good governance is readily available. The Board meets five times a year, in addition to which we have working group meetings, a Board strategy day and our Annual General Meeting.

An important objective at DAG is representation. To that end DAG provide members to represent school governors and academy trustees at Devon Education Forum, Schools Finance Group, Schools Organisation Capital and Admissions Group, Devon Safeguarding Children's Board and a range of working parties and ad hoc groups as needed. Our vice chair Maria Wallis chairs Devon Education Forum. We are grateful to all of the directors, officers, associates and members who freely give of their time to represent Devon Governors in this way.

We have good working relationships with the education team at DCC, with Devon Association of Primary Heads, Devon Association of Secondary Heads and Special Heads Association of Devon and have attended their events where relevant. Board members have also attended conferences, briefings and workshops organised by Regional Schools Commissioner South West and the National Governors Association.

A second key objective is to provide information and support to promote good governance in Devon. One way of achieving this is through our annual conference. Our conference in Autumn 2017 was a great success and we have an outstanding team of speakers for the Conference which immediately precedes this AGM. Special thanks go to our clerk Jill Larcombe for all her work on this conference and all who help her make these conferences so successful.

Our web site has been a key focus over the past year and we are delighted that it is so well used by governors and trustees. Both Jill and our website content consultant Amanda Blewett put a huge amount of time and dedicated focus into this. Together with our regular newsletter, it has become our prime means of providing information to support good governance in Devon and we are fortunate to have officers with the skills and commitment to provide this service to our members.

The accounts for the year to 31 March 2018 are presented at this Annual General Meeting. A copy of the Accounts is included with the agenda and they are also available on the DAG website. These accounts show a surplus of £4030, with reserves increasing to £34,089 at 31 March 2018. Our expectation is that we are likely to be reducing these in the coming years due to the increasing levels of expenditure on our web site and the greater time commitment of our officers in maintaining and developing this.

Our action plan for the current year focuses on: -

Building on the success of our annual conference and looking to provide an evening workshop on topical governance issues.

Improving the website and obtaining a fuller analysis of its usage.

Considering the use of social media to improve engagement with governors.

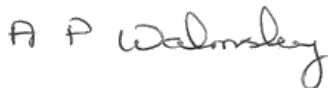
Continuing to meet our representation commitments.

Planning for the future by recruiting new directors.

DAG is keen to encourage serving governors, trustees and clerks who share our commitment to supporting education and improving the effectiveness of governance in Devon to join our Board. Directors come from a variety of backgrounds and bring a range of skills and experience to the Board. The role is engaging, challenging and enjoyable. If you would be interested in becoming a director or associate please do contact us, either in person, by email or via our web site to register an interest.

The focus of our association is to improve the well-being of children and young people through the encouragement and maintenance of good school governance. My thanks go to all office holders, directors and associate board members for their support and contribution over the past year. Together they have enabled us to successfully maintain this focus.

Kind regards,



Alex Walmsley, DAG Chair

DAG Conference Autumn 2018

Saturday 10th November, County Hall, Exeter

Conference 09.30 - 13.00

DAG AGM 13.15 – 13.30

09.00– 09.30	Registration, exhibition, networking and refreshment break @ entrance hall to the Committee Suite (Direction signing will be in place)
09.30 – 09.35	Welcome from Devon Association of Governance (DAG) Alex Walmsley DAG Chair
09.35 – 10:20	Keynote speech: (includes Q&A) Ian Hemelik, Headteacher Devon Virtual School Ian will give a presentation on behalf of Dawn Stabb, Head of Education and Learning, Devon County Council and will then speak on how governance can most effectively impact on school improvement in the Virtual School context.
10.20 – 11.05	Keynote speech: (includes Q&A) Sam Lusardi Assistant Director for the Regional School Commissioner South West, RSC Sam will talk about the role of the RSC, emerging developments in the school system and how the RSC Team scrutinises governance with some reflection on what they have learnt so far.
11.05 – 11.30	Exhibition, networking and refreshment break @ Entrance Hall to the Committee Suite
11.30 – 12.15	Keynote speech: Ofsted, a force for improvement. (includes Q&A) Richard Light Senior HMI Ofsted Richard will talk about the new Education Inspection Framework, Ofsted’s focus on curriculum, inspection judgements from 2018, off rolling and reviews of multi academy trusts.
12:15 – 13.00	Workshop on Interpreting Data – facilitated by Jon Lunn, Director of Education performance, Ted Wragg Multi Academy Trust
13.00 – 13.15	Comfort break
13.15 – 13.30	DAG Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018
13:30	Close

DAG Conference Autumn 2018 Keynote Speakers
Saturday 10th November
County Hall, Exeter

Ian Hemelik, Headteacher Devon Virtual School

Ian worked in primary education before joining the Local Authority in 2005. Initially he was a primary teacher in Devon and then overseas, working for two years in Zambia and then for Service Schools in Gibraltar, two locations in Germany, Netherlands and Italy. He was a Headteacher with Service Schools in Naples at the British Forces School and in Germany at Bruggen School. Ian then returned to Devon to become Headteacher of Manor Primary School in Ivybridge for eight years. In 2005 he joined the local authority as an Inclusion Officer before joining the Virtual School as an Area Learning Advocate and then the headteacher, his current role.

Ian will give a presentation on behalf of Dawn Stabb who is no longer able to attend the conference. Dawn became Head of Education and Learning for Devon County Council in 2016. Over the course of her career Dawn has worked with children and young people from Early Years through primary, secondary, post-16 and adults. Her work has encompassed a wide variety of school leadership roles including Deputy Executive Headteacher of a Multi Academy Trust. Dawn joined Devon County Council in May 2014 as School Improvement Strategy Manager and in January 2015, and has served as Headteacher of the Virtual School for Children in Care which works with settings and services across the county and nationally. Dawn has regional leadership experience in the business sector and has worked with the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and the National College for School Leadership. She has a MEd in "Leading Professional Development".

Sam Lusardi – Assistant Director for the Regional School Commissioner



Sam Lusardi has been a civil servant in DfE since 2008 and has worked on a range of policy areas including: increasing the number of childcare places, the National Curriculum (at various points on English, mathematics and PSHE). Subsequently, he worked on the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill and then as team leader for PE and School Sport, managed the early implementation of the primary PE and School Sport grant.

Sam moved to Bristol in 2014 when RSC offices opened and, as an Assistant Director, currently oversees teams working in: Swindon and Wiltshire, and Somerset, BANES and North Somerset.

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Richard Light – Senior HMI Ofsted

Richard Light is a Senior Her Majesty's Inspectors in the South West who works across a number of different remits. He has specific responsibility for further education and skills, initial teacher education and complaints.

Richard is a qualified teacher and has a Master's degree in education. Previously, Richard was a headteacher in two contrasting primary schools. During this period he also worked as a local leader of education, school improvement partner and research associate for the National College.

Richard is involved in a wide range of inspections, quality assurance and survey activities, including of schools, service children's education overseas, initial teacher education, MAT's, thematic surveys and monitoring visits.

Jon Lunn - Director of Education Performance, Ted Wragg Multi Academy Trust



Jon offers expertise in the area of school performance data from EYFS to post 16. Jon is employed by the Ted Wragg MAT as Director of Education performance. He is then subcontracted to the Dartmoor and Education South West MATs, Dartmoor, South West and Exeter Consortium teaching school alliances. In these combined roles he facilitates the sharing of school performance data for over 50 secondary and 100 primary schools. Prior to his current role, Jon has many years of experience within teaching and school leadership roles. Jon is passionate about giving all children the entitlement to good teaching and outcomes, irrespective of background, through effective collaboration, keeping things simple, tackling teacher workload agenda and having no ceilings to progress.

**The Devon Association of Governance AGM will be held on
10 November 2018 at County Hall, Exeter,
immediately following the Conference at approximately 1.15pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome from the Chair Alex Walmsley
2. Apologies
3. To agree the minutes of the DAG AGM held on 7 October 2017
4. Chairman's Report 2017-18
5. To receive the accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018
6. Motion: to change paragraph 1.10 of the DAG Constitution (No chair or vice-chair(s) shall hold the office for more than three years consecutively) to
" No chair or vice-chair(s) shall hold the office for more than two consecutive three year terms".

Proposed by: DAG Board

7. To elect two Board Members for a three year term of office

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