



**The Minutes of the Devon Association of Governance AGM held virtually on  
15th November 2020 at 6pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Alex Walmsley (AW): DAG Chair, First Federation & Ted Wragg Trust  
 Jill Larcombe (JL): Clerk to DAG Board, Uffculme Academy Trust  
 Adrian Hines (AH): DAG Vice-chair, Rydon Primary School (Education South West)  
 Amanda Blewett (AB): DAG Officer  
 Ian Rogers (IR): DAG Treasurer, Exminster Community Primary School  
 Fiona Collier (FC): DAG Ex-officio Member, Babcock LDP Governance Consultancy  
 Karen Yorke-Dunne (KYD): Clerk, Lifton Community Primary School, Mary Tavy & Brentor Primary Schools  
 Faith Butler (FB): DAG Board Member, Marland Special School  
 Isabelle Candy (IC), DAG Associate Member, Governance Professional, First Federation  
 Christina Mabin (CB): DAG Ex-officio Member, Diocese of Exeter  
 Kate Brimacombe (KB): DAG Board Member, Whitchurch Community Primary School  
 Elizabeth Stubbs (ES): DAG Board Member, St Peters C of E Primary School  
 Jill Elson (JE), DAG Associate Member, Exmouth Community College

1.	<b>Welcome from the Chair, Alex Walmsley.</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	<b>Apologies.</b> Apologies were received from Debbie Clapshaw. Fiona Collier was attending to represent Babcock LDP.
3.	<b>To agree the minutes of the DAG AGM held on 23rd November 2020.</b> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.
4.	<b>To receive the Chairman's Report for 2020-21.</b> The report was taken as read. AW thanked everyone attending the meeting who had helped in any way. The DAG Board is not like a school governing board but is a cohesive group of people committed to supporting education and improving the effectiveness of governance in Devon. During the year there have been concerns about the High Needs Block deficit and DEF members have been trying to get a written report from the Head of Education and Learning prior to the meeting rather than receiving a verbal report during the meeting. This was provided for the last DEF meeting. This year has seen the introduction of the DAG Community Networks Chair and Clerks Forums with AH and JL organising the Chairs Forums and JL, IC and KYD organising the Clerks Forums. This had been AW's last year as chair of DAG and he said he had enjoyed the six years that he had been chair. He would be remaining on the DAG Board as a supportive member. There were no questions.
5.	<b>To receive the accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021.</b> The accounts were received by the meeting and thanks were given to IR, Treasurer, for the way that he looks after DAG's finances. AW said they were in safe hands. There is always a concern that DAG's funding will

	<p>end in the following twelve months. Although DAG has a large reserve this is to ensure that if its funding was to end in its current form it could continue to operate while funding was investigated. There is enough in reserves to spend on new initiatives to support governance.</p>
6.	<p><b>Motion: To change paragraph 7.3 of the DAG Constitution (the quorum shall be 12 voting representatives) to “The Quorum shall be 10 voting representatives”.</b>  <b>To make editorial amendments to the DAG Constitution.</b> Proposed by DAG Board.</p> <p>AW explained the editorial changes were to give clarity on the delegation powers of the board and the term of office for a chair.  The change to paragraph 7.3 and the editorial amendments were unanimously agreed.  Proposed by IR and seconded by JE.</p>
7.	<p><b>To elect one Board Member for a term of office of three years</b>  Nomination: Alex Walmsley</p> <p>KYD joined the meeting.</p> <p>AW left the meeting and AH took the chair.</p> <p>AW was unanimously elected as a board member for a term of office of three years.  Proposed by JE and seconded by ES.</p> <p>AW rejoined the meeting</p>

The meeting closed at 6.17pm

Signed: Original copy signed by Adrian Hines

Date: 21.11.22