

## COPNOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of a **Special Meeting of the Governing Board** held at Copnor Primary School on **Monday 27 March 2017** commencing at **5.00pm**

### **Present:**

Peter Stokes – Co-opted Governor (In the chair)

Elaine Cowley – Co-opted Governors

Angela Wall

Barry Fanning

Toby Simmonds

Lauren Findlay

Lynn McBeth

Darran Cowell – Staff Governor

Douglas Brawley – Headteacher

Sara Petipher – Associate Members

Allyson Roberts

Tracey Pinkney

**Also in attendance:** John Stock (Clerk)

### **ACTION**

**23. Apologies for Absence** accepted from Pam Paice (Co-opted Governor), Lynne Stagg (LA Governor), Wayne Frampton and Rachel Stewart (Parent Governors)

**24. Declarations of Interest** - none

**25. Academisation**

At the Governing Board meeting on 7 March 2017 (Minute No. 20/17)), it was agreed to hold this meeting to consider which Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to join.

Three MAT's were shortlisted and over a period of time, each MAT was interviewed twice by the Governing Board and visits were made by the Leadership Team to schools who were members of those Trusts.

The Governors considered the merits of joining each of the three MAT's. The priorities for the Governing Board was to build an outstanding school which had to come from outstanding teaching. This required a well-developed CPD (Continuing Professional Development) programme and a clear focus on improving standards.

Each MAT had different advantages and it was agreed to hold a paper ballot, to give everyone the opportunity to reach their own conclusions. The resulting vote was 8-1 in favour of the Hamwic Trust.

	<b>ACTION</b>
It was therefore <b>AGREED</b>	
(1) That application be made to join the Hamwic Trust	<b>HT</b>
(2) That the Headteacher advise all three MAT's of this decision	<b>HT</b>
(3) That arrangements be made to advise all staff of the decision	<b>HT</b>
(4) That a letter be sent to all parents from the Chair on behalf of the Governing Board.	<b>Chair</b>
<b>(NB: The Associate Members present did not take part in the voting process)</b>	

The meeting concluded at **6.00pm**.

Chair