



COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

25 FEBRUARY 2020

CO-OPTED GOVERNOR OF BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. This report seeks permission from the Authority for the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) to become a Co-opted Governor of Belmont Community School.

BACKGROUND

2. Belmont Community School is a local school for students aged 11-16. The school has established general links with County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) through the normal school engagement programme and specifically through the cadet scheme operated at Durham Community Fire Station, when the school helped recruit a second cohort of cadets at the station. The school have also supported the Service with a number of specific initiatives such as the official opening of Headquarters in 2013.
3. The CFO has been asked to be a Co-opted Governor on the school's Governing Body. The governing body is the strategic leader of the school and has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. A Co-opted governor is a person appointed by the governing body and who, in the opinion of the governing body, has the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.
4. If the Fire Authority were minded to support the request from the CFO, the time commitment would be minimal. The Governing Body normally meets once per term (three times per year). Meetings generally commence at 16.00 and the CFO would make allowances for any additional time required during normal working hours by working additional compensatory hours to ensure that the authority were not disadvantaged in any way.

RECOMMENDATION

5. Members are asked to:
 - (a) **Consider** the request from the CFO to become a Co-opted Governor of Belmont Community School.