

### ***The Local Authority Governor***

The Local Authority in Surrey nominates local authority governors to be appointed by governing bodies, subject to meeting any eligibility criteria set by the governing bodies.

A local authority governor is a representative of the Local Authority. They are not a delegate of the Local Authority and, as such, cannot be mandated to take any particular course of action or vote in a specific way at meetings. Whilst they represent the Local Authority they are not chosen to represent any one political view. They are expected to behave, however, in an appropriate manner and not in any way that might bring the reputation of the Council into disrepute.

They must act in the best interests of the school and wider community and cannot be mandated to take a particular stance on issues.

Awareness and understanding of council priorities and policies, however, will enable you to inform the debate and priorities at school level.

Any Governor should declare an interest and withdraw from any meeting where they, a partner or close relative or associate stands to gain, or where they are so close to a matter discussed it is difficult to be impartial.