

## News from Leadership & Governance: Training – issued: December 2011

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### Location of Future Governor Training

Please note the change in location for all future governor training:

**Northampton Saints Rugby Ground, Franklin's Gardens, Weedon Rd, Northampton NN5 5BG.**

We will no longer be using the Marriott Hotel in Northampton, please communicate this to all governors who are planning to access our scheduled training.

### Governor Training Dates

#### January

GA3: Governor Induction: Introduction to School Governance/Roles and Responsibilities – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm – 8.30pm **This course is available at no charge to Aspire members.**

GA6: Governor Induction: Introduction to School Governance/Roles and Responsibilities – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm – 8.30pm **This course is available at no charge to Aspire members. This session has been added to the schedule due to demand**

GB3: Governor Induction: The Governor as a Critical Friend/Monitoring and Evaluation – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm – 8.30pm **This course is available at no charge to Aspire members.**

GZ2: Schools Financial Value Standard: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm – 8.30pm **A new course for 2011/2012**

#### **Courses Postponed**

GJ1/11: Understanding the Primary Curriculum - 7<sup>th</sup> December

GK1/11: Understanding the Secondary Curriculum - 11<sup>th</sup> January

Central government is currently reviewing the national curriculum. The first phase of the review has focused on the overall shape and nature of the National Curriculum, including which subjects beyond English, mathematics, science and physical education should have statutory or non-statutory

Programmes of Study in future. Recommendations from phase 1 have been provided to ministers for consideration and there will be a public consultation on the draft Programmes of Study in early 2012.

The second phase will focus on the development of statutory and non-statutory Programmes of Study, as appropriate, in relation to all other subjects where it is decided at the conclusion of phase 1 that Programmes of Study are needed in the future. This second phase of work will begin early in 2012, with recommendations including draft Programmes of Study provided to ministers for consideration by autumn 2012. There will be a public consultation on the draft Programmes of Study in early 2013.

## **New Governor Induction Training**

Due to the continued popularity of our New Governor Training offer to Aspire members, all our forthcoming courses are now fully booked. In order to make this training available at no charge to all Aspire members, we have now scheduled an additional course for governors:

- GA6: Governor Induction Part 1: Introduction to Schools Governance/Roles and Responsibilities – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- GB6: Governor Induction Part 2: The Governor as a Critical Friend/Monitoring and Evaluation – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- GC6: Governor Induction Part 3: Introduction to Governors' Accountability/Reporting – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 6.30pm – 8.30pm

## **To book**

Booking is simple, click on: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cpd](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cpd) or e-mail: [cpd@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:cpd@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## **Schools Financial Value Standard Training**

The Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) has been launched by the Department for Education. It is aimed primarily at governors and maintained schools who are required to complete the SFVS once a year. The Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) has been available to schools to use from September 2011.

The SFVS replaces the Financial Management Standard in Schools (FMSiS), which was withdrawn by the Secretary of State with effect from 15 November 2010. The SFVS has been designed in conjunction with schools to assist them in managing their finances and to give assurance that they have secure financial management in place. Governing bodies have formal responsibility for the financial management of their schools, and so the standard is primarily aimed at governors.

Schools who never attained FMSiS will be expected to complete and submit the SFVS to Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) by 31 March 2012. The Schools Finance team at NCC will be in touch with these schools to discuss this.

For all other maintained schools, the first run through is required by March 2013 with an annual review required after that. SFVS will not be externally assessed like FMSiS.

In order to brief Northamptonshire governors on the new financial requirement, the Leadership & Governance team have worked in conjunction with the Schools Finance team to prepare a new training course.

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## In School Training

In addition to the core governor training programme, governing bodies often feel that training has more impact when its tailored to the needs of their individual school.

School based training can be delivered by specialist trainers in their fields to the whole governing body at a venue and time that is convenient for you.

Ofsted: Preparing Your School for Inspiration	Mark Pevy	Governor Trainer
Financial Management on schools – your school budget	Tier Abbass	Schools Finance Team
Understanding your school data – RAISE online and Fischer Family Trust	Bob Payne	Business Intelligence and Performance Improvement Team
Dealing with Pupil Exclusions	Mark Pevy	Governor Trainer
Monitoring and Evaluation	Mark Pevy	Governor Trainer
Improving your Effectiveness as a Governing Body	Mark Pevy	Governor Trainer
Skills Audit Training	Mark Pevy	Governor Trainer

Each course lasts 2 hours. To achieve best value for money, Aspire member schools can cluster together to purchase this training. All governors attending the training should ensure that they are familiar with how the subject of the training affects their school and any processes that they currently have in place.

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 School based training is charged as follows:

- Early Bird Aspire Members: £195
- Premium Aspire Members: £221
- Standard Aspire Members: £234
- Non-Aspire Members: £260

## Skills Audit Training

The Leadership & Governance team are now offering Skills Audit training that can be delivered in-school.

Nearly all governing bodies delegate some of their functions to committees but how do we know those committees have a spread of appropriate skills among their members? Do individual governors feel that they have any skills or experience to offer the team?

In this course, governors complete an audit of their own skills and experience. The combined responses are applied to the governing body's committee structure to find the 'best fit'. Similarly, gaps in expertise are identified and further training suggested.

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## Governor Briefing Session 2012

GLO3/12 : Governor Briefing Spring term 2012: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 6.0pm – 7.30pm Sturtridge Suite at Northampton Saints rugby ground, Franklin's Gardens, Weedon Rd, Northampton NN5 5BG.

The Governor Briefing session is open to one governor from each governing body. Numbers will be limited, so its advisable to book early, please note, this is a great opportunity for your Link Governor to attend these briefing sessions, but attendance is open to any serving governor.

Schools who have Aspire membership will be able to send one governor at no charge, any additional governors attending from each member school will be charged at £35 per head. Attendees from schools who are not members of Aspire will be charged £35 per delegate.

### Communication

Can you please help us to keep all governors informed by cascading this newsletter or directing them to the governor pages on the county council website [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/schoolgovernors) Don't forget to make full use of the hyperlinks within the newsletter to access more information.

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### Please Note

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Please be aware that things are currently changing on a frequent basis.

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