

## LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

### Introduction

AKS Lytham is part of United Learning, which comprises UCST and ULT with respective responsibility for independent schools and academies. United Church Schools Trust is governed by the UCST Charity Board. Each UCST school has its own Local Governing Body (LGB).

### What does the Local Governing Body do?

As a single charity, the UCST Board is ultimately accountable for all statutory functions. The LGB acts on behalf of the Charity Board at local level and so, although not accountable for statutory functions, is responsible for ensuring that the school operates effectively in line with the vision set out by the Charity Board.

The Headmaster and the senior leadership team, who attend all LGB meetings, are responsible for the management and performance of the school.

The role of the LGB is to understand, advise, challenge, support and enable the school to be outstanding and to deliver the aims of the charity: “the Best in Everyone”. It does this through being proactively engaged with the school and:

- 1) Acting as a ‘critical friend’ to the school by monitoring, evaluating, supporting and challenging the performance and progress of the school, in order to ensure the delivery of educational excellence.
- 2) Working with the school to create and further develop policies and procedures, ensuring their implementation in order to meet statutory requirements and to further increase the pace of the school’s development and improvement.
- 3) Fulfilling an outward facing role utilising its collective skills to promote the school in the local community.

The specific role and responsibilities of the UCST Board and the LGB are detailed in the ‘United Learning LGB Handbook’, of which each member of LGB has a personal copy.

Of the 15 LGB members, plus the 6 WSLT, 16 are current or former parents or grandparents of pupils at the school.

### What are the Local Governing Body sub-committees?

The LGB has the following sub-committees:

- a) Education and Welfare
- b) Finance
- c) Health and Safety
- d) Heritage
- e) Marketing and Strategy
- f) Nominations
- g) Building & Facilities

### How are the members of the LGB involved in the school?

- 1) There is an annual schedule of full LGB meetings and sub-committee meetings, which include respective reports, updates and discussions of school business and implementation of procedures.
- 2) Each member of the LGB has an allocated responsibility for specific regulatory policies, working alongside the WSLT to provide additional support, advice and ratification whenever a policy is reviewed or updated. This process complements the work of the United Learning Compliance Office, which circulates regular compliance updates as required.
- 3) Each member of the LGB is affiliated with a specific area of the school, either academic or pastoral, and by mutual arrangement with the appropriate member of staff commits to at least 1 termly visit. Such visits include one or more from the following:
  - a. Attend a scheduled meeting
  - b. Watch some teaching and learning
  - c. Be present and visible at a particular formal or informal event in that area
  - d. Be present and visible at a parents' evening
  - e. Attend an assembly and maybe hand out some awards

The purpose of the visit is to help all LGB members be sufficiently aware of the day-to-day workings of the school, as well as provide staff with a direct point of contact and support on the LGB. Each term, all LGB members send the Chair a brief statement of what their involvement has been, together with any opinion, comment or suggestions, as applicable.

### Members of our LGB

#### Chris Dickson BSc: Chair of Governors

Mr Dickson was educated at KEQMS and subsequently obtained a BSc (Hons) in Maths with Statistics at the University of Kent. Chris worked for BAE Systems for over 30 years in a variety of roles including Resourcing Director, Remuneration Director and from 2002 until

his retirement in 2004, was HR Director, Shared Services. Chris is currently a Trustee of BAE Systems Executive Pension Scheme, and is a Trustee of a number of smaller charities.

#### **Marjorie Towers LLB: Vice Chair of Governors**

Mrs Towers was educated at The Park School, Preston and subsequently read Law at Queen Mary College, University of London. Following qualification as a solicitor, she worked in private practice until the birth of her first child. Since then she has been actively engaged in the family farming business. Mrs Towers has been involved in school governing for many years, both with the Lytham Schools and with the local Church of England Primary School where she is Chair of Governors. She was appointed to the Board of United Church Schools Trust (UCST) in December 2011.

#### **Philip Owen ACIB – Deputy Chair of Governors**

Mr Owen serves as Chair of the Governing Council Finance Committee, as well as being a member of the Executive Committee of the Old Arnoldians Association. In 1997 he was elected President of the Association, having been Treasurer for ten years. Mr Owen worked for Barclays Bank for over 30 years and was Corporate Director for the Fylde Coast.

#### **Alistair Baines BA BArch RIBA**

Mr Baines was educated at Arnold School (1975-1982) and has served as a Governor since 1997. He holds a degree in Architecture from Manchester University and became a chartered member of the RIBA in 1988. He is Chairman of a major North West firm of architects ( Cassidy + Ashton ) located in Preston and has completed a number of significant projects in the region and across the Fylde Coast the majority of which are in the education sector. He is also Chairman of the AKS Buildings and Facilities Committee.

#### **Sarah Carr OBE**

Mrs Carr attended St. Mary's High School and Lark Hill Convent, Preston. She qualified as a member of the Institute of Personnel Management in 1985 whilst working for her family business. Between 1989-2002, with her husband, she established and developed a large chain of children's day care centres (Kindercare) and Ashbridge Independent School, Preston. In a voluntary capacity, Mrs Carr works as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the National Day Nurseries Association and as an advocate for Wyre and Fylde Advocacy Service.

#### **Philip Cox DPLM MIFireE**

Mr Cox was born and educated in Sutton Coldfield, and joined the Royal Air Force, before taking up a career in the Fire and Rescue Service. During his Fire Service career he has

served in the metropolitan services of West Midlands and Greater Manchester before joining Lancashire. He has carried out senior operational and service policy roles during that time and completed the National Fire and Rescue Executive Leadership Programme, continuing on to gain a Diploma in Public Leadership and Management at Warwick Business School. Most recently he has led major change projects including designing and implementing new staffing models and major ICT projects including the move to a North West Fire Control.

### **Lucie Grant LLB**

Lucie was educated at Norwich High School for Girls and Arnold School, Blackpool and subsequently read Law at King's College, London. Following a period of travel and living abroad, Lucie qualified as a solicitor with Cobbetts Solicitors in Manchester and then moved into in house legal roles with United Utilities and BAE Systems Saudi Arabia, specializing in infrastructure outsourcing and anti-corruption compliance. Lucie is currently Legal Director for the UK and Ireland for Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc, the world's biggest life sciences company.

### **Louise Hoiles BA**

Mrs Hoiles was educated at Bolton School and the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, where she was awarded the Economics Prize in 1995, after graduating with first class joint honours in Economics and Business Management. Louise is currently HR Director for BAE Systems Applied Intelligence. She is a Company nominated trustee of the BAE Systems Pension scheme.

### **Anthony Hoskisson Dip PFS Cert PFS (MP&ER)**

Mr Hoskisson was born on the Fylde coast and attended both Arnold Junior & Senior School. Anthony has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Old Arnoldians for over 15 years, having been President in 2000 - 2001 and is currently Chairman. Anthony has worked in the Financial Services sector for the last 25 years and is currently the Managing Director of Questa Chartered.

### **Andy Iredale BA MCIM**

Mr Iredale was educated locally and subsequently obtained a BA (Hons) in Theatre Arts from Bretton Hall (Leeds University). A career in acting provided a firm foundation for a switch to creative advertising agencies in London and Leeds where post-graduate marketing qualifications from the University of Leeds were supported. Mr Iredale has managed and taught marketing within the school, college and university sector for 20-years and is currently Director of Customer Engagement for Blackpool and The Fylde College.

**Professor Ian Levitt MA PhD FRSA**

Professor Levitt was educated at George Watson's College in Edinburgh and Ayr Academy. He studied at Edinburgh University (MA, Sociology and Economic and Social History 1968 – 72) and (PhD, Economic and Social History 1972 – 75). Professor Levitt has been Principal Lecturer on Social Policy and Administration at the University of Plymouth, Professor of History at UCLAN, Director of Research at UCLAN and is currently Emeritus Professor of Social Policy there. Professor Levitt has written a large number of books and articles as well as being involved in historical productions on both television and radio.

**Helen Lucking LLB**

Mrs Lucking attended Arnold School Blackpool between 1980 and 1987. She went on to read law at Nottingham University before studying at Chester Law College. On returning to the area she began her training as a solicitor. Helen specialises in family law and was appointed to the Law Society's Children Panel in 1999. She works locally for Napthens Solicitors where she became a partner in 2005. At Napthens she also has responsibility for the recruitment of the trainee solicitors to the firm, a job which she finds interesting and very rewarding. She has been appointed to sit on the Education and Welfare and the Buildings and Facilities sub-committees of the local governing body.

**Rev'd David Lyon**

Reverend Lyon was educated at Stretford Grammar School for Boys, 1966-73. He qualified as a teacher in 1976 after studying at Alsager College of Education, and was ordained in the Church of England in 1987. Having attended the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, he came to the Blackburn Dioceses in 1991 as Team Vicar in the Accrington Team Ministry, and later became Team Rector; the Team Parish for which he was responsible comprised six churches and six Church of England Schools. He became Vicar of St Anne's Parish Church in February 2010.

**Luke Smith MSc**

Mr Smith was educated at King Edward VII School. He attended Loughborough University where he read Human Biology. After completing a Diploma in Physiotherapy from Salford University, he went on to gain an MSc in Sports Physiotherapy from Manchester Metropolitan University. Luke is a Clinical Director of Grant Smith Physiotherapy in Lytham St Annes. He has attended the Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000 Olympic Games as HQ physiotherapist for Team GB, as well as the Commonwealth Games in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014. Luke was a volunteer physiotherapist at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

**David Stanhope FCCA**

Mr Stanhope was educated at Fleetwood Grammar School and has lived almost all of his life on the Fylde Coast. Having initially trained at a local accountancy firm, David is a fully qualified accountant and served 10 years as Financial Director of the local convenience store chain, Healds Day and Nite, from 1990-2000, before becoming CEO of Voiteq, a multinational technology business headquartered in Blackpool.