

Would you make U[ccX @cW Authority Governor?

If you can answer YES to these questions, why not find out more about the role of a Local Authority Governor?

There are five routes by which people (other than headteachers) can become a governor.

They may be:

- elected by the parents
- elected by the staff
- appointed by the governing body
- invited by the other members of the governing body
- appointed by the foundation of the school

Local authority governor appointments will be considered by the LA.

Nominations are made by County Councillors whose ward the school is situated in or by the governing body of the school.

Appointments are made on the basis of the individual's interest, expertise and skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

Can you spare some time?

Do you enjoy working with other people as part of a team?

Are you interested in serving your community?

Would you be prepared to attend an Induction Course to find out more about your role?

Local authority governors represent the wider community they may be able to put forward a broader view than that of other categories of governor.

The governing body acts collectively and the first loyalty of every governor must be to the school. Governors support the staff and headteacher of their school but will also act as a 'critical friend'. The role is strategic not operational. The headteacher and staff manage the day to day running of the school.

Governing bodies meet at least once a term usually in the evening. The meeting may last about 2½ hours. Most governors become members of



committees and these committees would again probably meet once or twice a term. Contact your Local Councillor, headteacher or chair of governors of local schools who will be able to tell you more about their governing body and the commitment involved.

