

FOUDNING MEMBERS:

Joan Kearton Chair of Trustees BA (Hons)

I am currently Head of Year 11 at Workington Academy. I have been in education for 18 years as teacher, deputy Head of Department and now Head of Year 11. I was formerly Head of English. I have worked in both maintained schools and Academies. I have been Chair of Governors for 3 years at Dearham Academy and was Vice Chair when Dearham received its outstanding Ofsted grading. As a National Support School we have supported other schools and I have advised many other Governing Bodies. The leadership of Dearham was cited in an Ofsted publication 'Freedom to Lead' and the Governance of the school was praised in this.

Julie Crellin Chief Finance Officer BA (Hons), CPFA and MBA

I have a first class honours degree from Lancaster University in Accounting and Finance (1993) I am an Accountant Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (1997) and I hold an MBA from Durham University (2004).

I am currently the statutory Chief Finance Officer for Cumbria County Council and hold Assistant Director status. I have held this role since 2012. I am responsible for the Finance function of the County Council (the Finance function consists of c. 100 staff) and I am the principal financial advisor to the Council. I am a member of the Council's Corporate Management team and I report directly to the Chief Executive. The Council's annual net revenue budget is c.£400million. As part of my responsibilities I am also the statutory Officer for the Cumbria Local Government Pension Fund – which has over 120 employers, 55,000 members and an asset valuation of £2,000 million (£ 2 billion). I look forward to contributing to the continued development and success of Dearham School and Northside Primary School as they look to form and operate a Multi-Academy Trust.

Lisa Hewitt Solicitor *LL.B. Law Exempting 2:1*

I am a solicitor with Milburns solicitors. I have been practising law for five years and I work primarily within the Family Department undertaking divorce, ancillary, care and child contact cases.

Prior to this I worked in Family and Wills and probate. Before joining Milburns I worked for Scott Duff in personal injury and finance and probate. I have also experience as a legal draftsman.

I am also a volunteer for Action for Children and have first hand experience of providing life changing opportunities for our more vulnerable young people.

TRUSTEES:

Joan Kearton As above

Paul Moody Vice Chair of Dearham & parent gov (Chair of finance committee)

I am formally a Civil Servant. My current title is Livestock Policy Manager. I have qualifications in Project Management and Operational Management. My experience also covers Programme and Project Management, Governance, Policy Development, Financial Management.

I am Chair of Finance and vice Chair of Governors. I am also a Governor at a local secondary academy. I have first hand experience of monitoring all areas of school life.

I have strong links with the local community.

Janet Simpson School Business Manager at Dearham School

I have 20 years banking experience with Professional Banking Certificate & Investment Services Certificate. I completed my SBM qualification in 2012. I line manage a team of people and have provided support to many schools in deciding whether to convert to Academy status. This was done through FASNA when the HT and I were used as PAA (Primary Academy Associates)

I also have 4 years experience as Manager of Health Care Services with Certificate of Business Management and Diploma in Business Management.

John Moffat HND Control, instrumentation and electrical engineering.

Chair of Governors Moresby Primary & Northside Primary (Business experience)

I enjoy supporting schools where I can: I use my engineering knowledge to provide the schools with expertise in IT. I have developed the IT capacity at Moresby School. In the role as Chair, I have led the GB to challenge the school as it moved on its journey from serious weaknesses to good. Outcomes for pupils improved as did leadership and management. The school has grown in pupil numbers and is undergoing expansion.

I have recently been approached by the LA to take on the role of Chair of Governors at Northside School and have implemented a programme of monitoring.

As well as being the Chair of two full Governing Bodies, Moresby Primary and Northside Primary, I am also Chair of the Staffing and Finance Committee (Moresby) and a member of the Safeguarding Committee (Moresby), which helps to fulfil my role as safeguarding governor. I am also the chair of the Copeland small schools cluster which provides peer to peer support for governors.

Samantha Kidd BA (Hons), MA

CEO & Executive Principal of Dearham and Northside

I am Executive HT Northside and this is my fourth post as Headteacher. My first Headship was to take over a school in special measures. This, after 18 months, was judged good and after a further 18 months very good in all aspects and excellent in many. The HMI nominated me for a visit to Buckingham Palace as recognition for my work.

My second appointment, was Headteacher to a school in serious weaknesses. This exited the category after six months and in a subsequent subject survey for SEN and inclusion was judged outstanding after a further twelve months.

I was a School Improvement Officer (SIO) in Cumbria for 28 schools and qualified as a School Improvement Partner (SIP) to both primary and special schools. In this role I worked in Cumbria and Salford. I held county wide responsibility for Early Years and then SEND and as such travelled Nationally. I enjoyed the different challenge of implementing school improvement in a County wide and National arena.

I returned to Headship in 2010. I had missed the opportunity to effect school improvement from within the system. The school was inspected in December 2012 and was judged as outstanding in all areas. As a result I, and the school, were selected for an Ofsted publication 'Freedom to Lead' which focused on successful leadership of 20 schools Nationally.

I have worked for the DFE as a Primary Academy Associate (PAA) . I am a National Leader in Education (NLE) and school is a National Support School (NSS). In this way we have supported seven schools formally. Five were graded good at their last inspections and I currently work in two which are Requires Improvement (RI). We have also supported many schools and individuals informally.

I qualified as an Ofsted Inspector and have designation also to inspect special schools.

Attainment wise, Dearham's results have been consistently above the National average for the past five years and progress measures similar.

Additional expertise will be sourced from Burnett's Solicitors, Carlisle.

Burnett's have supported many schools through the conversion process and Dearham through theirs. They also provide their HR support.