

## **NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL**

### **KEY PRINCIPLES OF AN 'AUTHORITY' GOVERNOR**

**The conduct and behaviour of Authority Governors is underpinned by the following key principles:**

- to act in the best interests of the school, having regard to the views and advice of the LA (this may mean taking a balanced view of short and long term issues, school and community issues, borough wide issues affecting all schools in the Borough etc);
- to work as a member of a team at all times and be loyal to collective decisions made by the governing body;
- to recognise that all governors are equal and have the same rights and responsibilities, unless particular responsibilities are delegated to them by the full governing body;
- to understand that no governor can act alone, except in exceptional circumstances prescribed in the Regulations i.e. emergency powers of the Chair, the power of the governing body rests in it acting as a single corporate body.

**And Authority Governors must:**

- respect confidentiality;
- listen to and respect the views of others;
- express their own views clearly and succinctly;
- take their fair share of work/positions of responsibility;
- know, understand and work within, the prescribed regulatory framework;
- report any evidence of fraud, corruption or misconduct to an appropriate person or Authority.

**And Authority Governors should:**

- prepare for meetings by reading papers beforehand;
- take responsibility for their own learning and development as a governor, including attending training;
- attend meetings promptly, regularly and for the full duration;
- read briefings provided by the LA specifically for Authority governors;
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- familiarize themselves with LA policy and, where necessary, be able to explain LA policy to other governors on the governing body.