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Introduction

I would like to open by thanking all those on the Council that participated in the Lead Governor elections. I also wish to thank Janet and Jenny for standing with me in the election and to Michael who has done an excellent job in the role and has helped provide a smooth transition for me taking my place as Lead Governor. I'm also grateful for the work Luke does in supporting Governors in general, and the personal support he has already given me in this role.

One of my aims is to create an environment where all our Governors feel they are a member of Council, rather than a group of individuals brought together to meetings. To facilitate this, I want to create opportunities when Governors can occasionally have private meetings to review how well we are working together to fulfil our responsibilities, and how we might improve. I'd also like to encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas with me so that the Council itself is demonstrably committed to learning and improving.

Committees update

At this time, I am aware that the governor alignment to committees is under review, where we will be reviewing existing board sub-committees and groups.

The Strategy and Engagement Group continue to work on a Membership Strategy. They will be reviewing a completed draft tomorrow in their group meeting following a workshop session to provide more content to the targets.

I also will be attending wider Lead Governor meetings, including my first Eastern Region Governors meeting that took place on the 3 March.

Governors' work on engagement

I am pleased to hear that several governors have taken up the opportunities presented to them by the membership office in representing the Council of Governors at their local parish council meetings and patient participation groups. Several have gone a step further and have made networks of their own with groups helping to strengthen the Trust's links with local organisations.

Quality Indicator

The Governors are required to choose a local indicator, which the auditors will then focus on through their assurance processes for the annual Quality Report. I encourage all governors to participate in this activity, as it is our responsibility to advise within our role.

It is also very helpful that there is a wider consultation taking place for the quality priorities for next year. The trust management welcomes our support in responding to the questionnaire available online. Helping to identify the Quality Priorities is a great opportunity for us to identify those that we feel are most important.