

## **DERBYSHIRE SCHOOL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2010**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Derbyshire School Governors' Association has been active on many fronts in its efforts to continue to achieve / live up to its original aims and objectives and to sustain inform and encourage governors of all schools in Derbyshire.

This year has seen the continuation of activities related to those prime purposes. We have:

- Sustained our Association's full and active membership of the National Governors' Association
- Taken a full part in all consultations organised by the N.G.A. and those originating from D.C.S.F. and DfE.enquiries.
- Continued to sustain our active working cooperation with the Derbyshire Governor Support team and have participated in their briefing sessions, conferences and events, including those involving Clerks to governing bodies.
- Acted as a source of school governor information for the media in Derbyshire and for National / Regional press and radio.
- (Your Executive Committee) met regularly (fourth Wed. of the month) to consider and respond to governance matters.
- Acted as a contact point for member schools with queries, problems, needs of advice.
- Set up and maintained an active D.S.G.A. website ([dsga.org.uk](http://dsga.org.uk)) which has been accessed on more than 21,000 occasions during the year. Special thanks are due here to Martin Brader for his expertise and time.
- Responded to consultative documents issued by Derbyshire .L.A.
- (Your Officers and Executive Members) attended N.G.A Conferences and Annual General Meeting .Regional meetings, and have maintained contact and "good practice" exchange with all governor Associations in the East Midlands.
- (Members of the DSGA Executive) directly participate in the workings of the Derbyshire Schools Forum (where your Hon.Sec. and your Chair are currently Chair and Vice-Chair respectively).

- Sought to sustain contact / dialogue with elected members of the DCC. and to re-affirm our “Framework for Effective Partnership” agreement with and through the elected Cabinet Member (now Michael Longden) and Senior officers of the Authority.
- Continued to encourage local area group meetings of Headteachers and Governors to facilitate good cooperation and understanding.
- Maintained contact and involvement with Govt. Office East Midlands forums for 14- 19 developments and S.E.N. provision.

The coming year (2010 .11), and changes likely to be made by the Coalition Govt. will present new challenges to school governors and DSGA has need of active governor support if it is to provide support, information and guidance to assist Derbyshire school governors.

Your Executive values all who can assist with experience / expertise to enable us to provide sound guidance, information and representation.

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Chair of DSGA.