



HASG Annual General Meeting - December 2021

The past year has been a very difficult one for the HASG Executive Committee, as for us all, with the pandemic keeping us from achieving all we had hoped to achieve. Our meetings have been held virtually but little could be achieved owing to lockdown constraints.

The Executive Committee, together with our colleagues in the Governance team at Herts for Learning made the difficult decision to postpone the Annual Conference that was due to be held in November 2020. As you will know the Annual Conference is the highlight for many governors. The decision to hold the Conference digitally in March 2021, over the course of a week and access a series of webinars with two keynote speakers, was a good one as we had over 300 governors attending.

We had to cancel the Governor Awards for 2021 which are usually held at the Annual Conference but are working in the hope to be able to pick them up again in 2022. Once the Executive Committee have made a decision it will be shared with you all. We hope this will give governing bodies the opportunity to celebrate great governance during Covid.

The Executive Committee has a working party for Governor Awards and Governor Recruitment. We meet with Andrew Csillery, Managing Director at Herts for Learning and Simon Newland, Operations Director, Education at Herts County Council from time to time. Each of these meetings is to represent the interests of Hertfordshire Governors and to discuss key topics of interest. We will continue to lobby with HfL and HCC to include all Governors on all panels involving school matters.

We owe a huge debt of thanks to the voluntary unpaid members of HASG Executive Committee and to our administrator, Claire Lanni for the continued hard work and dedication to the Association. Big thanks must go to Cathy Irons, Head of Governance at HfL and her wonderful team for all the expert advice they give us. At last year's AGM Tina Howard was elected Vice-Chair and I am grateful for her support.

Michael Taylor
Chair HASG Executive Committee