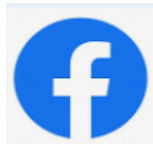


Cheshire West Governance Association

Annual Report June 2022 to June 2023

The Executive of the Association is pleased to report that membership of governing boards in the Association continues to be high, with over 80% of schools in membership. During the year, we have championed the cause of governance. We can summarise our involvement as follows

- Work with the Local Authority – We hold meetings of the Executive of the Association approximately six times per year and, at many meetings, a senior member of the Local Authority team attend to talk about issues in their particular area of expertise. This allows the Executive to understand and influence policy. The Executive wishes to place on record their thanks to the officers of the Local Authority for attending these meetings
- Events – We have provided members with four networking events this year. In the autumn term, we held online networking meetings for chairs and vice chairs, and for new governors and trustees. In February, we held our second online conference where we were able to hear from some inspirational people from inside and outside the world of governance.
- Awards – We announced the winner of our Governance Awards at the AGM in June 2022 and will be launching the 2023-2024 awards.
- We have continued to use the services of our part-time freelance administrator to reduce the administrative burden on the Officers of the organisation and ensure prompt and professional communication with our members.
- The association retains links with Cheshire West Education Improvement Board, a board of system leaders whose purpose is to ensure that all learners in the area are given the opportunity to achieve their best through strong partnership working that keeps the outcomes for children and young people at the forefront of all educational activity.
- The association continues to produce a newsletter, provide LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter updates and maintain a mini website via <https://www.nga.org.uk/Membership/CWACAGB.aspx>



We have seen strong attendance at our events in 2022/23. Recruitment has been a focus this year and we have received applications from a number of governors who are passionate about education and governance. If their appointments are approved at the AGM, their knowledge and experience will further strengthen the executive. The executive recognises the importance of having a wide range of skills and experiences so that we continue to deliver events that appeal to our members and remain at the heart of school governance and system leadership in CWAC. We are always looking to attract members to the executive, and we hope to receive more nominations and expressions of interest.

During the year, Simon Livingstone stepped down from the association. The executive would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his time, commitment, and his dedication to the association.