

## Appendix 4 - Annual Report June 2024 to June 2025

The Executive of the Association is pleased to report that membership of governing bodies in the Association continues to be high, with 67% of CWAC 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, and, at many meetings, a senior member of the Local Authority team attends 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 senior managers of the Local Authority for attending these meetings.
- Events – we have held a number of these events this year including two networking sessions (new governors and chairs and vice chairs) and we were pleased to welcome speakers on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill and Inclusive Practice.
- The Association is a local association member of the NGA. The membership supports the Executive Committee to develop professional governance and keep up to date and compliant. The affiliation with the NGA provides opportunities to network with other local associations
- 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, to include updates via LinkedIn and Facebook. Further information can be found on our NGA affiliated web page <https://www.nga.org.uk/Membership/CWACAGB.aspx>

Recruitment is always a priority for the Association and the Executive recognises the importance of having a wide range of skills and experiences so that we can continue to deliver events that appeal to our members and remain at the heart of school governance and system leadership in CWAC. This will continue to be the highest priority for the Association next year. If the Association is unable to attract new volunteers this poses a critical risk to the future of the Association.

Please reach out to the Association if you would like to express an interest in joining us, or if you would like to chat about the role [cwga@cwgovernanceassoc.co.uk](mailto:cwga@cwgovernanceassoc.co.uk)

*Debbie Tomkinson, Chair – Cheshire West Governance Association [July 2025]*



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Association Members as at AGM 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025. From left to right; Debbie Tomkinson – Chair, Moira Griffiths Parr – Vice Chair, Andrew Canham – Treasurer, Zoe Lochlin – Executive Officer, Sue Tomlinson – Executive Officer

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