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Governors Council

Report of: Chairman
Title: National Governors Forum
Date: 13th July 2007
Action: For attention

SUMMARY:

This issue has previously been discussed at length. At the meeting on 9th March 2007 Governors Council agreed for one of the governors to attend the first meeting on 16th March as an observer. Unfortunately those nominated were unable to make this date. No feedback had been received but I attach a copy letter outlining current progress that has been sent to Trusts.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Governors Council is asked to consider the way forward.

COPY LETTER

25th May 2007

Dear

National Governors Forum

Thank you for taking part in the National Governors Forum. I am writing to update you on the progress being made and to ask you to confirm that your Trust is willing to join.

Since I last wrote we have held a one-day workshop for governors which was well attended. In the morning we had a number of presentations on the governor's role and the participants then had a wide ranging and useful debate about how they saw their position developing. This reinforced the need for a forum, and the contribution events of this kind can make, to the success of these important roles.

We are proceeding with the election of members of the Executive group who will play a critical part in planning and shaping the forum. They will have a vital role both in highlighting the issues their boards face and in helping to communicate to the learning that emerges from the forum.

For this initial election we are designing a simplified arrangement for nomination to and election of the executive. The process will be consistent with the principles of the draft constitution, on which so much work has already been done. Katy Steward who is responsible for the Forum will be in touch soon to set out the process.

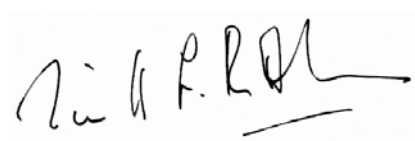
In the meantime please could you confirm by 1st June 2007 that the nominee from your trust is:

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In the meantime we are keen to hear the views of individual governors on what they would like to see in the autumn programme. If you are interested we can either give you a call or you can email comments or suggestions to Katy at k.steward@kingsfund.org.uk. We will also be sounding out Trust chairs in the next few weeks about what they would like to see in the Autumn programme and Katy will continue to consult individual governors.

Finally you will recall that we asked representatives coming to the meeting to secure approval from the boards of directors for their Trust to join the forum and representatives from 45 Trusts attended. Based on this figure the subscription for each trust would be approximately £3,700 for the first full year of membership with a reduction in the 2nd year if, as we hope, membership increases. I would be grateful if you could now confirm your membership on this basis for the first year's operation which will run from September 1st for 12 months. Please confirm your membership to ldadmin1@kingsfund.org.uk.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niall Dickson', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Niall Dickson