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**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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Dear Councillor

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - Tuesday 15 March
2016**

Further to the Minutes for the above meeting, please find attached a document providing Governor Information links.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Policy and Scrutiny Team on Tel: 0300 300 4196.

Yours sincerely

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National Governors' Association (NGA)

Twenty Key Questions for the Governing Board to ask itself

<http://www.nga.org.uk/Guidance/Workings-Of-The-Governing-Body/Governance-Tools/Twenty-Questions.aspx>

Knowing Your School

The NGA has produced a number of briefings in its 'Knowing Your School' series and the following are available to non-members:

Note 5a: Knowing your School: The FFT Governor Dashboard for secondary school governors

The FFT dashboard has been developed in collaboration with NGA and Wellcome Trust, and helps school governors hold schools to account, support and challenge the leadership team and make more informed strategic decisions. This briefing note aims to help secondary governors get the most out of the dashboard.

Note 5b: Knowing your School: The FFT Governor Dashboard for primary school governors

The FFT dashboard has been developed in collaboration with NGA and Wellcome Trust, and helps school governors hold schools to account, support and challenge the leadership team and make more informed strategic decisions. This briefing note aims to help primary governors get the most out of the dashboard.

Note 4: Knowing your School: Governors and staff performance - Updated December 2015

The performance of staff employed at the school will have an enormous effect on the learning of pupils, and therefore their achievements. As the governing body is responsible for ensuring high standards of performance in the school, they need to know how well staff are performing and what to do if staff are underperforming. This briefing note focusses on the governing body's role in effective staff performance. It has been updated to reflect the introduction of performance related pay.

Note 3: Knowing your School: Getting to know your parents

Parents are key stakeholders and their involvement in schools has a major influence on their children's achievement. This briefing aims to help governors understand why parents are so important and how the school can effectively engage them.

Note 2: Knowing your School: Secondary RAISEonline

Governors need to be able to understand and evaluate data in order to hold their headteacher to account and drive school improvement. This briefing note aims to help secondary governors get the most out of RAISEonline data. This guide has been updated to take account of the changes to the RAISEonline tables.

Note 1: Knowing your School: Primary RAISEonline

Governors need to be able to understand and evaluate data in order to hold their headteacher to account and drive school improvement. This briefing note aims to help primary governors get the most out of RAISEonline data. This guide has been updated to take account of the changes to the RAISEonline tables.

<http://www.nga.org.uk/Guidance/Holding-your-school-to-account/Monitoring-Performance/Knowing-Your-School.asp>

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Performance Hub – Central Bedfordshire’s school performance page. This section provides information on:

Data, Research and Statistics Website
Data Sharing Agreement
DfE Publications
Fischer Family Trust (FFT)
In Your Area
Income and Expenditure
Key Stage 4 (GCSE) interactive map
Lower schools analyses
Neighbourhood Statistics
Numbers on roll
Ofsted
Ofsted School Data Dashboard
Performance Tables
Raiseonline
Reception Baseline
School Census 2016 - Spring

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/schools-portal/performance-hub/default.aspx>

School Governors

Central Bedfordshire’s page for school governors. This section provides information on:

Being a school governor
Categories of Governor
Chairs of Governors
Governors' Forum Meeting
Governance Handbook (DfE)
Governor Training
Instrument of government
Useful resources for the clerk
Governors Essentials
Useful Resources
Useful websites

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/learning/schools/becoming-a-school-governor/default.aspx>