Appendix C – Qualifications and disqualifications to serve as a school governor / trustee

A person is disqualified from being a trustee or local governor if they:

- Are aged under 18 at the date of their election or appointment
- Are a current pupil at an academy in the trust
- Have been declared bankrupt or, are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order
- Are subject to any of the disqualifying reasons set out in the 'disqualifying reasons table' (see the first section of this guidance)
- Have been disqualified from holding office as a governor
- Have been disqualified from being a company director and/or a charity trustee
- Have been removed as a trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or the High Court on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement in administration of the charity
- Have had their estate seized for the benefit of creditors and the declaration of seizure hasn't been discharged, annulled or reduced
- Have been convicted for any unspent criminal offence, excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence was a fine (except for offences specified in the above table which will still count)

They can also become disqualified from continuing on as a trustee or local governor if they:

- Are incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing or administering their own affairs
- Are absent, without the permission of the trustees, from all their meetings held within a period of 6 months, and the trustees resolve that their office be vacated

These criteria are set out in more detail in articles 68 to 80 of the model articles of association. Check your own articles, as these may vary.

ALL GOVERNORS WILL BE ASKED TO COMPLETE A 'SELF DECLARATION' FORM TO CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA APPLY TO THEM