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 <p>George Devlin</p>	<p>Community</p>	<p>George is the Chair of Governors at Partington Learning Partnership Local Governing Body. A governor at Forest Gate since October 2010 he took on the role of Chair at Forest Gate in 2015 and was appointed to the role of Chair of the new LGB with responsibility for both Forest Gate Academy and Partington Central Academy in 2016.</p> <p>George is local to Trafford and worked for many years for Manchester City Council in Health and Social Care. Since retiring in 2011, George has continued his commitment to support the development of health, social care and education services at a local level through multiple voluntary roles such as the chairing of Manchester BME Health and Social Care Partnership and the Partington Hub Children’s Centre Advisory Board.</p> <p>He is also the West Area representative on Trafford CCG’s Public Reference Advisory Panel and has recently been appointed the Board of Trafford Housing Trust Social Investment Board. He believes focusing on the strengths of individuals, families and communities is the most successful route to bridging the gaps in service provision and improving outcomes for people.</p>
 <p>Roy Dixon</p>	<p>Community</p>	<p>Roy Dixon is currently the CEO of The Manchester Clinic and has substantial experience in healthcare. He has worked in some of the largest and most complex healthcare organisations in the UK and has specialist interests in health economics, inequalities in health and international health provision. He has a Cabinet appointment by the Ministry of Justice to an Independent Monitoring Board and has contributed to the review of education in prisons.</p>



Anita Edwards

Ex-Officio

Anita Edwards is an experienced educationalist, with over 20 years of experience in primary schools. She has previously undertaken leadership roles in the primary sector across two local authorities and in settings including schools, private and school-based nurseries and a Children's Centre.

Anita joined Brockholes Wood Primary School (Lancashire) in January 2006 as Deputy Headteacher, taking on the role of Acting Headteacher in September 2007 before transitioning into the position permanently. During this period the school moved from a 'Satisfactory' Ofsted grading to 'Outstanding' in Nov 2008. Demand for places saw the school grow from a one form entry school to pupil numbers exceeding admissions capacity.

In Sept 2013, Anita took up the headship at Partington Primary School (Trafford) before joining The Dean Trust in Sept 2016, as Partington Central Academy. In Nov 2016, she transferred to Forest Gate Academy to fill the position of Headteacher until summer 2017. She is now currently Executive Headteacher of both Partington Central Academy and Forest Gate Academy.

Anita has the National Professional Qualification for Headship, NCTL accreditation as a Pupil Premium Reviewer and is a member of the Maths Hub Strategic Board for the North West.



Michelle Evans

Staff

Michelle Evans is currently one of the Year 2 Teachers, and Science lead at Forest Gate Academy. Entering her fourth year of teaching, all of which she has completed at Forest Gate Academy, she is excited to take on additional responsibilities as a staff governor. With 7 years' experience overall, Michelle has worked both in Primary schools and Secondary schools as a general class teacher, specialist PE teacher, pupil premium coordinator and as a special needs teaching assistant. She has worked across a range of year groups and has specialised in primary PE, completing her teacher training at Ashton on Mersey Teaching School. She is a committed member of staff at Forest Gate Academy and looks forward to beginning her role as staff governor.



Susan Garrod

Community

Susan has lived in Essex, Hampshire, Cheshire and Shropshire and trained as teacher in Kent in 1969. Since the age of seven Susan aspired to be a teacher and has had a long, happy and successful career in education. She retired in 2012 from her last post, which was Head Teacher of a Wilmslow primary school. She had worked full time for 42 years with 18 weeks maternity leave for each of her two children.

The education of young children continues to be a passion for Susan, which is why she has chosen to remain involved by being a school governor. Susan has always worked closely with governors whilst she was working and now enjoys being a governor herself.

Susan has worked with children from the ages of 4 – 11 in town and country schools, serving a variety of catchment areas and has specialisms in Early Years, More Able children and Newly Qualified Teachers. In her most recent school Susan led the governing body in gaining the national award known as Governor Mark.



Christopher Greatbanks

PLP

Chris is currently one of the Year 4 Teachers, and Computing lead at Partington Central Academy, completing his sixth year of teaching. He has overall 10 years' experience working with children from nursery to sixth form age, working in both the British educational system and British Armed forces environment in Germany.

He has lived in three different countries over his life, but has finally settled down, spending his teaching career working throughout Greater Manchester. He is new to being a governor, but has never been one to turn down a challenge.



Katy Higginson

Staff

Katy Higginson is currently the Year 6 teacher at Forest Gate Academy and has held her teaching position there since 2011. She has worked across a range of year groups previously and has held a position on the Senior Leadership Team at Forest Gate Academy since 2012.

Katy is currently the lead on assessment across the four primary schools in the Trust.

Katy works collaboratively with the other primary and secondary schools in the Trust supporting with transition and data. She also works closely with The Dean Trust Teaching School and sits on their strategic board. She is a committed member of staff at Forest Gate Academy and the Governing Body.



Lee McConaghie

Ex-officio

Lee has been the Headteacher at Broadoak School for over three years having progressed from Head of English through to Assistant Principal and Vice Principal in a twelve year career journey at the school. Lee has been instrumental in driving change at all levels within Broadoak since the start of the West Trafford Learning Partnership (formed in 2006) ensuring that outcomes for the community of Partington remain strong whilst leading the school to both Good and Outstanding OFSTED inspections.

Lee has experience leading and supporting other schools in the North West as a representative of The Dean Trust and of a partner school's teaching school. Lee specialises in all areas of teaching and learning (leading teaching programmes across the region) whilst having experience as a consultant and lead teacher trainer on managing behaviour and raising standards.

Lee has over eighteen years teaching experience and continues to enjoy the challenge of teaching GCSE English and English Literature in a successful department.



Myrna Rollins

Community

Born in Manchester in 1983, Myrna has always lived in the Trafford area except for a period of just under 2 years from 2008-2010 when she lived in the beautiful North-East town of Italy called Padova.

Whilst teaching was an aspiration of Myrna's, education always has been. Whilst in Italy, she was a Teaching Assistant in the nursery at an English speaking international school and it was really from that point that she felt she could not leave the field of education.

Upon returning to the UK, she worked as a Learning Support Assistant and Note-taker for students with SEN, followed by her current role as a Senior Administrator at the University of Manchester Accommodation Office. Whilst Myrna has no experience of being a Governor, she feels that her passion and desire regarding the education of younger children and the willingness to learn new skills will be the building blocks she needs to help her to be a successful and hopefully longstanding Governor for The Dean Trust.



Stephanie Smith

Community

Stephanie is a community governor for the Partington Learning Partnership local governing body, comprising the Trust's two primary academies located in Partington: Forest Gate Academy and Partington Central Academy.

She joined the Trust as a governor of Forest Gate Academy in July 2015 and continued to work with the Trust through the dissolution of the Forest Gate Local Governing Body and formation of the Partington Learning Partnership combined governing body in September 2016.

Stephanie holds a BA (Econ)(Hons) in Accounting from the University of Manchester and is an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Stephanie has been the Lead Governor for finance for Forest Gate Academy and now the Partington Learning Partnership since her appointment with the Trust and was the vice Chair of the MAT level finance committee.

The finance committee has recently been broken down into smaller focus areas to meet the demands of an expanding Trust. Stephanie is now Chair of the Partington Learning Partnership finance committee.

Working as an audit manager for a leading firm of chartered accountants in the North West, a top 60 firm in the UK, her portfolio of clients is wholly within the not for profit sector. She works with a number of Academy Trusts in this regard, including stand alone academies and multi academy Trusts. She brings the experience from her day job including issues around accountancy and governance to her role here with the Trust.



Val Thorpe

Community

Valerie is a former Cardiac Physiologist and practicing Hypnotherapist.

In 1997 Valerie began her parent governor role at Ashton on Mersey School and continued this during the federation with Broadoak School, the formation of the West Trafford Learning Partnership (WTLP) and Academisation in 2012.

As a Community Governor Val is currently Vice Chair of the WTLP Governing Board and lead governor for Pupil Progress and Achievement.

Within the Dean Trust, Val is the lead governor for the Curriculum Committee at the two Partington Primary Schools that form the Partington Learning Partnership (PLP).

Val is married with two children, has a keen and committed interest in education and enjoys studying Spanish, reading and walking.