Displaying Information from GovernorsOnline on the School Website

Statutory Requirements

The DfE has published guidance on the information about the Governing Body that schools must publish on their website. Publishing this information and keeping it up to date is a further burden on the school. However, for schools using the GovernorsOnline system, much of this information is already recorded. The system has now been enhanced so that all the required information can now be recorded and a number of different methods are offered to publish this directly on the school website. This includes techniques to link directly between the websites or, if this is not possible, embed links in the website that will open PDF documents generated from the most up to date information held on GovernorsOnline.

Updating the Information

Fields are included under Governor Details so that the required information can be held on GovernorsOnline. This includes the Appointing Body and the Term of Office. There is also a field for Other information which can be used for extracts from the Register of Interest. This could also be used to add some biographical notes on the governor. Each governor would be able to edit their own entry to keep these details up to date. There is alsoprovision for a picture of each governor. This could be useful for new governors but also makes it possible to produce a more attractive page for the school website showing pictures of the governors. This information can be edited in the same way as other governor details.

Configuring the web page

A facility is included to enable the school admin contact to style the content so that it is suitable for
the school website. The following options are available -
• **Include heading**
A heading similar to the heading on each page of the GovernorsOnline site with the school name and a logo can be included in the output. This might be required if the governor details are opened in a new page or are set to download but would not be required if the contents are included in an existing web page.

• **Options**
◦ *Thumbnails*
The initial page just shows names and thumbnail images with a link to full details for each governor

◦ *Summary*

Similar to thumbnails but entries on the first page include some more details for each governor with a link to the full information.

◦ *Full*

This is a single page with the information for each governor given.

• Text Content

This is a text box that can be used to add some introductory text on the page before the generated content. The box accepts some html formatting codes.

• CSS Styles

This is a more advanced facility to enable users who are familiar with web desing and css formatting to customise the output.

Once the configuration has been saved there is a link to preview the contents.

Inserting into the school website

The best way to insert the content into the school website will depend on some of the technical details of the site. This may need to be discussed with the person responsible for the technical support of the site. Worknet Solutions Ltd are happy to provide some advice on this and may also be able to provide some customisation if required.

Some possible ways of integrating the content

• AJAX insertion. This is the most flexible allowing the content to adjust to different size screens including mobile phones

• IFRAME embedding. This is similar to the way YouTube content can be added to a page. It normally results in a fixed size panel on the page but this is quite suitable for fixed sized pages.

• Linked content. A simple link could be placed on a suitable page. This would open up a new page outside of the website to display the governor details.

• Download document. Again a simple link but, instead of opening a page it downloads a pdf document of the content.

All of these techniques would meet the DfE requirements but the more integrated solutions are more user friendly.

Contact info@governorsonline.co.uk for more information or assistance in integrating with your own website.