



Welcome to the final Governor Support Team (GST) newsletter under Cumbria County Council. The GST is disaggregating, however governor support will continue to be part of the Learning Improvement Service, serving schools in Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland authorities.

National Governance Association: e-learning for school governors, trustees, chairs and clerks (governance professionals)

We are delighted to announce that the National Governance Association Learning Link (NGA LL) package for all schools will be funded by each of the new unitary authorities for a further 12 months. All governors and trustees of schools in Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness authorities will continue to have unlimited access to the NGA LL until **18th April 2024**. Many schools have taken full advantage of the NGA LL over the past 2 years, developing their governance skills and knowledge with over 50 modules.

This significant financial investment into governor training, for a third year, shows the commitment of the Learning Improvement Service to supporting governors in our schools. Your dedication and commitment as a governor contributes significantly to schools achieving the best outcomes for children in Cumbria. Thank you.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – two new councils for Cumbria



The 1st of April 2023 marks an enormous change in how services will be delivered across Cumbria with the end of Cumbria County Council and the creation of two new councils – Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness.

You can watch a video here - **What does LGR mean for me (newcouncilsforcumbria.info)**

Both authorities have launched websites that hold all the public information related to the Shadow Authority, including information about the elections in May 2022 and the subsequent meetings, agendas, minutes and decisions:

- **Shadow Authority for Cumberland Council website**
- **Shadow Authority for Westmorland and Furness website**

The GST will be split into two new teams across the new authorities, but our top priority is to provide support to you as seamlessly as possible throughout these changes. Existing email addresses can continue to be used after the 1st April 2023, and mobile phone numbers will remain the same.

Please look out for updates from GST in the new authorities.

We would like to thank all governors, trustees, clerks (governance professionals) and school colleagues for their continued support and we look forward to working with you all in the new authorities.

Chairs / Clerks (Governance Professional) contact details

GST would like to remind schools to continue updating GST with changes to chairs and clerks (governance professionals). As we move into two authorities, having up-to-date information will assist greatly in ensuring boards receive information and communications from GST.

Contact Details

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