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### **Co-opted Governor Vacancies at Hawkes Farm Academy**

As you may be aware, the Department for Education (DfE) allow Academy Trusts to establish a Strategic Governing Body that is responsible for two or more academies. The Strategic Governing Body of Hawkes Farm Academy also has the responsibility for Burfield Academy, part of STEP Academy Trust.

We currently have vacancies for Co-opted Governors to serve on the Strategic Governing Body of Burfield and Hawkes Farm Academies. We are very keen to appoint persons who have the skills and experience required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the academies.

Co-opted Governors are vital to our Strategic Governing Body. They share equally with other STEP Governors (Parent and Staff Governors) the responsibility for carrying out the Strategic Governing Body's wide range of responsibilities. STEP Governors do not run the Academy day-to-day, their role is at the strategic or policy-making level in the Academy.

Should you join our Strategic Governing Body, you will serve for a four-year term. Being an effective STEP Governor requires a time commitment; there are four Strategic Governing Body meetings each year and you will need to set aside time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the Academies, undertaking training, etc.

If you are interested in applying please contact Sarah Morgan, Governance Clerk at [sarah.morgan@stepacademytrust.org](mailto:sarah.morgan@stepacademytrust.org) for an application pack and to arrange an informal meeting with the headteacher to discuss the role.

Please note that candidates who are elected members of political parties are not eligible due to potential conflicts of interest.