

Role of Governors

The role of a Governor within the Trust is an important one. In developing a governance structure, the Trust has sought to ensure that as much as possible the responsibility to govern is vested in those closest to the impact of decision making and that such responsibility matches the capacity of those assuming responsibility. The Trust Board has established Local Governing Committees for each of the Academies (or in groups where Academies are working closely together), for the most part made up of individuals drawn from the Academy's community, both as elected and appointed members.

Those serving on the Local Governing Committee are accountable to the Directors and the Bishop and must ensure that at all times they act in good faith and in the best interests of the Academies and the Trust, exercising reasonable care and skill having particular regard to personal knowledge and experience.

The Directors will work with the Diocese, having regard to any recommendations by the Diocesan Department for Education, in making or facilitating the making of suitable appointments of Governors and where removal is deemed in the best interest of the Trust and the Academy.

As a matter of general principle, the Local Governing Committee will adopt and will comply with all policies adopted by the Trust Board and will comply with any direction issued by the Trust Board and have regard to any advice given.

A summary of the key responsibilities of the Governors is set out in the Table of Key Delegated Responsibilities within the Scheme of Delegation.

For the purposes of contracting with third parties, the Local Governing Committee has authority to act to fulfil its responsibilities and make the decisions it is authorised to make as set out in the Leadership and Governance Decision Planner and the Trust's Financial Regulations Manual or Finance Policy (which will be compliant with the Education & Skills Funding Agency's Academies Financial Handbook).

All Governors must comply with the Governor Code of Conduct adopted by the Trust from time to time which, for ease of reference, is appended to this Scheme of Delegation.

Terms of Reference regulating the composition of the Local Governing Committee and how it conducts business are also appended to this Scheme.