

**SALT** ("the MAT")

**S**cheme of **D**elegation

For

Compass Academy ("the Academy")

Approved by Board of Trustees on 11.03.19

Applies from: 01.03.19

Date of next scheduled review: March 2020 and then annually

**Publication/communication requirements:** The Board of Trustees should ensure that a copy is provided to Members, Board Committees (including the Local Governing Committee), the Chief Executive, Executive Principal and the Principal. The Document should also be published on the Trust and Academy websites.

#### INTRODUCTION

#### I. Purpose of the Scheme of Delegation

- 1.1 The primary purpose of this Scheme of Delegation (Scheme) is to inform those involved with the governance of the Academy of where decision making, advisory and other responsibilities lie within the MAT.
- 1.2 The Scheme does not contain details of every decision/responsibility or every aspect that will be delegated. Its content will be supplemented by the Trust's strategic plans, policies and procedures and any direction given or rules and directions agreed or issued by the Members or the Board of Directors/Trustees. In the event that there is uncertainty as to which tier of governance has responsibility for a particular matter, guidance should be sought from the Chair of the Board of Directors/Trustees.
- 1.3 Whilst the Scheme is an important document, the way it is operated in practice will be the key to its efficacy. Good communication between the Board and its Committees and relevant members of staff will be essential. It is hoped that the establishment of a Chairs Group and a Principals Group will aid communication in this respect and aid with effective governance more generally.
- 1.4 The Scheme should not be confused with the written scheme of delegation of financial powers referred to in the Academies Financial Handbook, which is a separate document.

#### 2. Adoption of the Scheme

2.1 This Scheme has been approved by the Board of Directors/Trustees and shall apply to the Academy from the date shown on the front cover.

#### 3. How it has been determined

3.1 In determining this Scheme, the Directors/Trustees have been mindful that:

- a. The Board of Directors/Trustees is ultimately accountable for the way in which the academies managed by the MAT are run and as such must be satisfied that delegation takes place only where appropriate and that it receives appropriate reports on matters delegated by it/actions taken in its name to enable appropriate oversight.
- b. There are some areas where it makes sense for matters to be dealt with centrally, rather than by individual academies. It is hoped that this will reduce the burden on the individual academies, which already have a heavy workload, and in appropriate cases achieve economies of scale.
- c. The Board cannot take all decisions itself, and in making decisions that the Board reserves for itself, it will often be reliant on information and advice from and be guided (as appropriate) by its Committees, the academy LGCs and others operating at academy level. The Board considers that there is often a powerful case for local involvement in decision making.
- d. The level of delegation will reflect the circumstances of the Academy at the time of delegation. Academies with strong Principals and LGCs will in general have a greater level of delegation than those with weaker Principals and/or LGCs. Furthermore, particular weaknesses e.g. in relation to standards, may require certain decisions/responsibilities to be taken back by the Board of Directors/Trustees.

#### 4. Termination and amendment

- 4.1 The Scheme will be subject to formal review annually. However, the Board deems it appropriate, changes will be made in year.
- 4.2 The Board has the absolute discretion to review, amend and/or terminate the Scheme at any time and as it sees fit (subject to complying with the legal requirements upon it).
- 4.3 As the MAT and the academies develop, so may the governance arrangements and accordingly the delegations that are in place. For example (and without limitation):
  - Changes may need to be made as a result of lessons learned and development of best practice;
  - It is hoped that the strength of weaker academies will increase over time such that additional responsibilities may be delegated;
  - Where weaknesses develop in an academy's leadership and governance, or in particular areas, the MAT may need to intervene and remove delegations.
- 4.4 The Board would welcome comments on the operation of the Scheme where it is felt that revisions should be made. Where practicable, the Board will give the LGC an opportunity to comment before determining the Scheme of Delegation.
- 4.5 All information relating to Governance is on the Trust website along with academy websites. There are also Articles of Association and a Governance Handbook.

#### 5. Delegation Matrix

5.1 The delegation matrix that applies in respect of the Academy is set out below. It is structured in accordance with the following index:

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A.	A. Overarching Governance												
AI	Member matter	`S											
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS			
1.	Amendment of Articles of Association	Decide	Advise	Advise				See advice/ comments	Company Secretary advice and support with process     Legal advice (as required)	<ul> <li>Consent of York         Diocesan Board of         Education (YDBE)         required.</li> <li>DfE and/or Charity         Commission consent         required in certain         cases.</li> <li>Must be filed at         Companies House along         with copy of special         resolution and any         required forms.</li> </ul>			
2.	Call Members' Meetings	Decide	Decide						Company Secretary advice and support with process	As a minimum,     Members should hold     an AGM once a year.     Extraordinary meetings     may also be called by     Directors/Trustees or     Members.     Decisions may be made     by written resolution     between meetings.			
3.	Appoint/remove Members	Decide						See advice/ comments	Company Secretary advice and support with process	Company Secretary to liaise with Trust personnel to ensure:     appropriate DBS and related checks made;     GIAS notifications are made;     Details of Member and their interests are uploaded on Trust website.			

	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
4.	Complete Member register of interests, and keep under regular review	Responsible		Receive				See advice/ comments	Company Secretary advice and support with process	<ul> <li>Company Secretary to liaise with Trust personnel to ensure details are uploaded on Trust website.</li> <li>Register of Member Interests should be brought to the attention of decision makers as appropriate (Chief Executive to oversee).</li> </ul>
A2	Board matters									
5.	Appoint/remove Directors/Trustees	Decide	Advise					See advice/ comments	<ul> <li>Company Secretary advice and support with process</li> <li>Directors/Trustees to advise on skills gaps to inform decision making</li> </ul>	Code of Conduct should be agreed and all Directors/Trustees should be required to sign it. Company Secretary to liaise with appropriate Trust personnel to ensure that:  appropriate DBS and related checks are made; GIAS notifications are made; Details of Director/Trustee and their interests are uploaded on Trust website. Return must be filled at Companies House. Chair of Board, Chief Executive and Company Secretary and others as appropriate to provide induction.

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6.	Complete Director/Trustee board skills audit and training plan annually	Receive	Responsible	Advise					Chair of Board to lead - Company Secretary advice and support with process	<ul> <li>Chair of Board to follow up with Directors/Trustees on training requirements.</li> <li>Details of skills gaps should be provided to those responsible for appointing Directors/Trustees when a vacancy arises.</li> </ul>
7.	Appoint/Remove Chair of Trustees	Decide	Decide/ Recommend						Company Secretary advice and support with process	<ul> <li>Should not be an employee.</li> <li>Guidance available in Governance Handbook.</li> </ul>
8.	Appointment Vice Chair of Trustees		Decide						Company Secretary advice and support with process	<ul> <li>Should not be an employee.</li> <li>Guidance available in Governance Handbook.</li> </ul>

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9.	Determine and allocate specific Director/Trustee roles (as required)		Decide						Chair to advise based on skills audit	Specific roles appropriate to the MAT e.g. Safeguarding/Child Protection, Health and Safety, Special Educational Needs. Allocated Directors/Trustees should work with the Local Governors given specific responsibilities in their areas (the roles should dovetail).  NB All Directors/Trustees continue to have responsibility for these areas, despite any allocation of specific roles.
10.	Confirm Accounting Officer		Decide						Finance Director to support and notify Secretary of State	<ul> <li>Should be the Chief Executive or equivalent (the role will be heavily supported by the Finance Director and the Principals).</li> <li>Has responsibility for regularity, propriety and value for money. Also responsibility for ensuring that proper financial records and accounts are kept.</li> </ul>

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11.	Appoint/remove Company Secretary		Decide	Advise					HR advice obtained as required	<ul> <li>Should have relevant experience in school/company/charity governance.</li> <li>The relevant appointee will also act as Governance Officer – see section C below.</li> <li>Reports directly to the Board.</li> </ul>
12.	Determine Scheme of Delegation		Decide	Advise	Consult	Consult	Consult	See advice/ comments	Company Secretary and Chief Executive advise and support LGCs and other Committees to provide advice on amendment based on experience of operation  Company Secretary and Chief Executive advise and support  Output  Description	<ul> <li>The document will be reviewed every year or more frequently where the Directors/Trustees deem this to be desirable.</li> <li>Where practicable, the Board will give the LGC and Committees an opportunity to comment before determining the Scheme of Delegation.</li> <li>The Scheme will comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and other legal requirements, including any matters that are reserved to Members from time to time.</li> </ul>

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13.	Complete Director/Trustee register of interests and keep under regular review	Receive	Responsible	Receive				See advice/ comments	Company Secretary advice and support with process	<ul> <li>Company Secretary to liaise with Trust personnel to ensure details are uploaded on Trust website.</li> <li>Register of Director Interests should be brought to the attention of decision makers as appropriate (Chief Executive to oversee).</li> </ul>
14.	Board of Directors/Trustees' Annual Schedule of Business		Decide	Advise	Receive				<ul> <li>Chair of Board to lead, with Company         Secretary advice and support with process</li> <li>Appropriate advice and input from Chief         Executive and those responsible for planning LGC/other Committee         Annual Schedule of         Business</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Should be shared with LGC and other Committees to inform their work.</li> <li>Chair of Board and Company Secretary to use to inform agenda setting.</li> <li>Directors/Trustees should meet at least every half term.</li> </ul>
15.	Determine policy review process and schedule		Decide	Advise	Receive				<ul> <li>Company Secretary advice and support with process</li> <li>Appropriate advice and input from Chief Executive (and other key employees) and those responsible for LGC/other Committee policy review</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Needs to dovetail with annual schedule of business (see above).</li> <li>Should specify what policies there are to be, the lead member of staff responsible for the policy, the approving person/body and when the review will take place.</li> <li>Review of policies to be conducted in accordance with process and schedule.</li> </ul>
16.	Annual Review of Governance and Board Effectiveness		Responsible	Advise	Consult	Consult	Consult		Chair of Board to lead. Company Secretary and Chief Executive advice and support with process	<ul> <li>This should dovetail with the Committees' (including LGC's) reviews of their own effectiveness (see below).</li> <li>The outcome of the review may impact on the level of delegation to LGCs and others under the Scheme of Delegation or otherwise.</li> <li>Directors/Trustees to consider whether an external review of governance should take place.</li> </ul>

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17.	Annual Report and Financial Statements	Receive and scrutinise	Approve	Advise, Approve				See advice/ comments	<ul> <li>Finance Director to coordinate draft, with input from Chief         Executive and Company Secretary</li> <li>Auditors to review and sign off</li> <li>Directors/Trustees and Accountable Officer must approve relevant sections</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Members should receive and scrutinise the accounts at their AGM.</li> <li>The document should be filed with Companies House and the DfE and uploaded onto the Trust's website.</li> </ul>
18.	Other company returns		Approve	Advise, Approve					<ul> <li>Directors/Trustees to approve as required</li> <li>Trust staff to advise as appropriate e.g. HR Director, Finance Director, Company Secretary</li> </ul>	To include key Companies House filings and DfE returns.
19.	Chief Executive Reports to Directors/Trustees		Receive, Scrutinise	Responsible					The Chief Executive will be supported by others as appropriate e.g. Company Secretary, Finance Director, HR Director	<ul> <li>The Directors/Trustees should agree with the Chief Executive what reports are required, the required frequency and the content of those reports.</li> <li>The Directors/Trustees should receive the reports at a Board meeting to enable appropriate questioning and follow up.</li> </ul>

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20.	Supplemental Reports to Members	Receive, Scrutinise	Approve	Advise					<ul> <li>The Chief Executive should co-ordinate the reports for input and approval by the Directors/Trustees.</li> <li>The Chief Executive and the Directors/Trustees will be supported by others as appropriate e.g. Company secretary, Finance Director, HR Director,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Members should agree with the Directors/Trustees what additional reports are required, the required frequency and the content of those reports.</li> <li>The Members should receive the supplemental reports at their AGM and/or at Extraordinary General Meetings to enable appropriate questioning and follow up.</li> </ul>
21.	Setting up any subsidiary company or linked charity	Decide	Decide/ Recommend						<ul> <li>Legal and financial advice required</li> </ul>	Directors/Trustees must keep the need for a subsidiary company under review, based on the Trust's trading and related activities.
A3	LGC and other									
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22.	<b>Determine and keep</b>	Decide	Advise	Con	sult	Consult	Consult	Chief Executive and	Consideration will need to be given
	under review							Company Secretary to	as to:
	Committee							advise and support	what Committees are required (under
	complement							<ul> <li>Principal and Clerk to</li> </ul>	the Articles of Association/Funding Agreements/Academies Financial
								aid formulation of LGC	Handbook e.g. Audit/Finance, LGC);
								advice	What additional Committees (board
									and/or LGC and/or shared) would be
									useful given the size of the MAT and
									the decision making functions that take
									place at each level of governance;
									Membership, terms of reference,
									reporting requirements, decision making and other procedures etc. of
									each Committee (please see below).
									Under the Articles of Association:
									The constitution, membership and
									proceedings of any committee must be
									determined by the Directors/Trustees;
									The establishment, terms of reference,
									constitution and membership of any
									committee shall be reviewed at least once in every twelve months;
									The membership of any committee of
									the Directors/Trustees may include
									persons who are not
									Directors/Trustees, provided that (with
									the exception of the LGCs) a majority
									of members of any such committee
									shall be Directors/Trustees; Except in the case of a LGC, no vote
									on any matter shall be taken at a
									meeting of a committee of the
									Directors/Trustees unless the majority
									of members of the committee
									present are Directors/Trustees.
									Academy trusts are required to
									establish a Director/Trustee
									committee to provide assurance
									over the suitability of, and compliance with, its financial
									systems and operational controls.
									All Trusts with an annual income
									over £50 million must have a
									dedicated audit committee. The
									majority of members must be
									Trustees.

23.	Determining LGC	Decide	Recommend	Advise	Advise	Advise	See advice/	Clerk advice and	The composition will be set out
	composition						comments	support with process	in the LGC's Terms of
									Reference.

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24.	Appointing LGC Members		Decide	Recommend		Advise		See advice/ comments	Clerk advice and support with process Details of skills gaps should be provided to those responsible for appointing Local Governors when a vacancy arises	Code of Conduct should be agreed and all Local Governors should be required to sign it.  Clerk to liaise with appropriate staff to ensure:  appropriate DBS and related checks are made;  GlAS notifications are made;  Details of Local Governors and their interests are uploaded on Academy website.  Clerk, Principal and Chair of LGC (and others as appropriate) to lead induction.
25.	Hold staff and parent elections for LGC				Responsible		Advise		Clerk and Principal advice and support with process	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with any relevant provisions in Articles of Association, Scheme of Delegation and LGC Terms of Reference.</li> <li>LGC Members to flag need for skills as part of process.</li> <li>LGC to appoint in the event no-one puts themselves forward for election.</li> </ul>
26.	Appoint Chair of LGC		Decide	Advise	Recommend	Advise			Clerk advice and support with process	Should not be an employee.
27.	Appoint vice Chair of LGC			Advise	Decide	Advise			Clerk advice and support with process	Should not be an employee.

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28.	Allocate specific local governor roles		Advise	Advise	Decide		Advise		Chair of LGC to lead, based on skills Directors/Trustees to specify certain required roles to dovetail with own link Directors/Trustees (if applicable)	Allocated LGC members should work with Directors/Trustees allocated with specific responsibilities in their areas.     LGC may choose to allocate additional link roles.     All LGC members continue to have responsibility for these areas, despite any allocation of specific roles.
29.	Confirm local Accounting Officer (Academy level)		Decide	Advise					Reports to Chief Executive as overall Accounting Officer	<ul> <li>Will generally be the Principal or equivalent (the role will be heavily supported by the Academy's Finance manager or equivalent).</li> <li>Has responsibility for regularity, propriety and value for money at Academy level.</li> <li>Also responsibility for ensuring that proper financial records and accounts are kept.</li> </ul>

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30.	Complete LGC register of interests and keep under regular review		Receive	Receive	Responsible		Receive	See advice/ comments	<ul> <li>Clerk advice and support with process</li> <li>Clerk to liaise with appropriate Academy personnel to ensure uploaded on website</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Register of LGC Interests should be brought to the attention of decision makers as appropriate (Principal to oversee).</li> </ul>
31.	Determine LGC annual schedule of business		Advise	Advise	Responsible		Advise		<ul> <li>Chair to lead with Clerk advice and support with process</li> <li>Appropriate advice and input from Chief Executive, Principal and those responsible for planning other Annual Schedules of Business</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This needs to dovetail with the Board of Trustees' Schedule of business.</li> <li>Chair and Clerk to use to inform agenda setting.</li> <li>LGC should meet at least once each half term.</li> </ul>

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32. Academy I Reporting Directors/	to		Receive, Scrutinise	Advise	Responsible & Approve					LGC minutes will be provided to Directors/Trustees as standard. The coordinated schedule of business should mean that this enables LGC advice to get to the Board in a timely manner to inform their decision making.      The content and frequency of any additional LGC reports shall be specified by the Directors/Trustees.      Additional Academy level reporting should be included in Chief Executive reports as appropriate (see above).      The Directors/Trustees should receive the minutes and any additional reports at Board Meetings to enable appropriate discussion and scrutiny.

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33.	Review of LGC effectiveness		Receive, Scrutinise	Advise	Responsible	Advise	Advise		Chair of LGC to lead, Clerk advice and support with process	This should dovetail with the Board's reviews of their own effectiveness (Directors/Trustees may set a template). Conclusions should be fed into the Board's review of governance effectiveness and may impact on future levels of delegation pursuant to the Scheme of Delegation.  LGC to participate as required in any external review of governance required by the Directors/Trustees.
34.	LGC skills audit		Receive, Scrutinise	Recommend	Responsible	Advise	Advise		Clerk advice and support with process	<ul> <li>Directors/Trustees may set a template.</li> <li>Directors/Trustees to receive details and may impact on areas of delegation.</li> <li>Details of skills gaps should be provided to those responsible for appointing local governors when a vacancy arises.</li> </ul>

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35.	Appoint/remove clerk to the LGC		Decide	Advise	Recommend	Advise	Consult		<ul> <li>HR advice obtained as required</li> <li>LGC to recommend for Director/Trustee approval</li> </ul>	Should have relevant experience in school and academy governance.
36.	Determine LGC procedures		Decide		Advise	Advise			Company Secretary advice and support     Clerk to support LGB in formulating advice	These must be in compliance with the Articles of Association and must include details relating to appointment of Chair/Vice Chair, quorum and decision making and other procedures etc.  Detailed in Governance Handbook.
A4	Heads and Cha	irs Group								
37.	Establish Heads Group			Responsible			Participate			Chief Executive to establish and lead Heads Group to enable all Principals to feed in their thoughts and advice in relation to pertinent matters for their Academy and to enable co-ordinated reporting (through the Chief Executive) to the Board.

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38.	Establish Chairs Group		Responsible CHAIR		Participate CHAIR				Supported by Company Secretary as required	Chair of     Directors/Trustees to     establish and lead     Chairs Group to enable     all LGC Chairs to feed     in their thoughts and     advice in relation to     pertinent matters for     their Academy and to     ensure dovetailing of     Director/Trustee and     LGC business.
<b>A5</b>	Miscellaneous									
39.	Determine governance policies and procedures for Directors/Trustees and Local Governors		Approve						Company Secretary advice and support	<ul> <li>E.g. appointment, Induction, expenses, Interests (conflicts, payments, contacts etc), Code of Conduct.</li> <li>Policies must be in accordance with Articles of Association.</li> </ul>
40.	Obtain Director/Trustee and Officers insurance		Approve						Finance Director and Company Secretary advice and support	Must be in accordance with Articles of Association.

A6	Website report	ing								
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES		LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
41.	Governance details on trust website	Receive	Approve	Advise	Advise CLERK	Advise	Advise		Company Secretary &     Chief Executive to     advise and support,     Principal and LGC Clerk     to feed in relevant     information at Academy level	<ul> <li>Trust to approve framework.</li> <li>Company Secretary responsible for ensuring Trust level information up to date.</li> <li>LGC Clerk responsible for ensuring Academy level information up to date.</li> </ul>

B.	Strategy and	d Leade	rship							
BI	Strategic plannii	ng and ove	ersight							
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
1.	Set Trust vision and ethos statement		Decide	Advise					Chief Executive leading role in formulating for Director/Trustee scrutiny	Chief Executive responsible for implementation.
2.	Set strategic objectives and KPIs of Trust and determine Trust Development Plan and review process		Decide	Advise					Chief Executive leading role in formulating for Director/Trustee scrutiny	Chief Executive responsible for ensuring objectives are met and for progress against Development Plan. Development Plan must be in line with strategic objectives.
3.	Complete Trust Self Evaluation Form (or equivalent)		Decide	Advise					Chief Executive leading role in formulating for Director/Trustee scrutiny	SEF to reflect progress against Development Plan.
4.	Set Academy vision and ethos statement			Approve	Recommend	Recommend	Advise		Principal leading role in formulating for LGC scrutiny	<ul> <li>Must fit with         Trust vision and         ethos (Chief         Executive to         ensure).</li> <li>Principal         responsible for         implementation.</li> </ul>

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5.	Set Academy's strategic objectives and KPIs and determine School Development Plan and review process		Approve (KPIs and strategic objectives)	Approve (Plan) Advise	Recommend	Recommend	Advise		Principal leading role in formulating (in conjunction with the Chief Executive) for LGC scrutiny	Must fit with     Trust strategic     objectives, KPIs     and Plan (Chief     Executive to     ensure) and     reflect Ofsted and     SIAMS outcomes.     Development plan     must be in line     with strategic     objectives.     Board of     Directors/Trustee     s may provide     templates.
6.	Complete Academy Self Evaluation Form (or equivalent)			Recommend	Responsible	Scrutinise	Advise		Principal leading role in formulating for LGC scrutiny	SEF to reflect progress against Development Plan.     Trust board may provide templates.     Chief Executive to scrutinise and report on outcomes to the Board.

<b>B2</b>	School Organis	ation								
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7.	Involvement in Ofsted inspections		Responsible	Responsible	Responsible	Responsible	Responsible	See advice/ comments		<ul> <li>Directors/Trustees and LGC members will be involved as appropriate in Ofsted inspections.</li> <li>The Principal will notify the CEO, chair of the board and chair of the LGC that an inspection has been notified and what involvement is needed from the Board and LGC.</li> </ul>
8.	Determine protocol for considering taking on new academies/free schools (including due diligence arrangements)		Decide	Advise					Chief Executive leading role in formulating for Director/Trustee scrutiny	<ul> <li>Chief Executive to manage process in accordance with agreed protocol.</li> <li>This should include the need for a conversion plan to deal with pre and post conversion matters, with an overall project manager identified, and the need for appropriate HR, Finance, buildings, legal etc advice.</li> </ul>
9.	Decide to take on a new academy/open a free school	Decide	Recommend	Advise				See advice/ comments	Directors/Trustees to obtain appropriate legal, HR, Finance, buildings etc advice	Directors/Trustees must look carefully at all aspects of a potential academy prior to recommending an academy is taken on/free school established, given the impact that the decision may have on the academies already in the Trust.

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10.	Approve legal documentation associated with academy conversions		Approve	Advise				See advice/ comments	Directors/Trustees     will obtain     appropriate Legal, HR,     Finance, buildings etc     advice	Directors/Trustees     must understand the     documentary     framework and what is     being agreed to by     entering into it.
11.	Structural collaboration and partnership agreements		Decide	Advise	Recommend ACADEMY LEVEL	Advise ACADEMY LEVEL	Advise ACADEMY LEVEL	See advice/ comments	Directors/Trustees     will obtain Chief     Executive advice and     appropriate Legal etc     advice	Trust level collaboration/partners hip agreements to be entered into by Directors/Trustees with advice from Chief Executive. Academy level collaboration/partners hip agreements to be entered into by Directors/Trustees following a recommendation from LGC.
12.	Academy closure or re-brokerage (termination of Funding Agreement)	Decide	Recommend	Advise	Advise		Advise	See advice/ comments	Trustees will obtain appropriate Legal etc advice	<ul> <li>DfE consent required.</li> <li>DfE may enforce closure or rebrokerage in appropriate circumstances.</li> </ul>
13.	Academy amalgamation/ merger	Decide	Recommend	Advise	Advise		Advise	See advice/ comments	Directors/Trustees will obtain appropriate Legal etc advice	DfE consent required.

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14.	Agreeing other significant changes to an academy (e.g. potentially contentious proposals, changes to premises, change of age range)	Decide	Decide	Advise	Advise	Advise	Advise	See advice/ comments		DfE consent may be required.
15.	Determining school session and term dates		Decide	Advise	Recommend	Advise	Advise			This allows     Directors/Trustees to     co-ordinate the     schools in the Trust     to the extent that this     is desirable, whilst     reflecting local needs.
B3	Risk Manageme	nt								
16.	Determine overall risk management policy and processes		Decide	Advise					Chief Executive to lead, advise and co- ordinate input from Finance Director and other trust level staff	To include template risk register and frequency of review.
17.	Review and complete Trust risk register		Responsible	Advise					Chief Executive to lead, advise and co- ordinate input from Finance Director and trust level staff	<ul> <li>Using agreed risk register template.</li> <li>To reflect major school specific risks as appropriate.</li> </ul>
18.	Review and complete academy level risk register			Oversee	Responsible	Advise	Advise		Principal to lead, advise and co- ordinate input from senior Academy staff	<ul> <li>Using agreed risk register template.</li> <li>To inform Trust risk register review.</li> </ul>

C. Staffing CI Staffing structures											
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS	
	Determining staffing complement - Trust level (including organisational restructuring)		Decide	Advise					<ul> <li>Chief Executive, HR and Finance Director to advise</li> <li>Trust Board's Audit Committee to support Board</li> </ul>	This relates to determining the Trust level staff structure. Please see below in relation to appointment to those positions.	
<b></b>	Determining staffing complement – Academy level (including organisational restructuring)		Decide	Recommend	Recommend	Advise	Advise		<ul> <li>Chief Executive to lead and advise with academy level input</li> <li>HR and Finance advice</li> <li>Trust Board's Audit Committee) to support Board</li> </ul>	This relates to determining the Academy level sta structure. Please see below in relation to appointment to those positions.	

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3.	Setting terms and conditions of employment, Trust wide HR policies and procedures and staff handbook		Decide	Advise					Chief Executive & HR Director to lead and advise Trust Board's Audit Committee to support Board  Committee to	Need to ensure local differences and TUPE considerations taken into account.     Policies to include e.g. recruitment, probation and induction, pay, appraisal, conduct and disciplinary, grievance, capability, absence management, professional development, equality, expenses.     Chief Executive to report to Directors/Trustees on any material concerns about operation of policies and procedures.
4.	Carry out and maintain central record of recruitment and vetting checks on staff		Scrutinise (Safeguarding Trustee)	Responsible - Trust level staff  Oversee - Academy staff	Scrutinise ACADEMY LEVEL (Safeguarding LGC member)	Scrutinise	Responsible  - Academy staff		Chief Executive responsible for Trust wide staff, Principal responsible for Academy staff (HR Director to advise and manage)	
5.	Maintain register of staff interests		Receive	Responsible – Trust wide staff	Receive		Responsible - Academy staff		HR Director to advise and manage	Interests should be brought to the attention of decision makers as appropriate.

C2	Trust level appo	ointments								
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
6.	Appointment and dismissal of Chief Executive	Decide	Decide/ Recommend					See advice/ comments	HR Adviser to support and advise	Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.
7.	Performance Management and pay review of Chief Executive		Decide, Responsible					See advice/ comments	<ul> <li>HR Adviser to support and advise</li> <li>Independent advisor should support appraisal process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>Panel of 3 Directors/Trustees (including the Chair) should be selected by the Board to carry out the performance management.</li> </ul>
8.	Appointment of Executive Principal		Decide, Responsible	Recommend						Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.
9.	Appointment and dismissal of Head of School Effectiveness/Standards		Decide	Recommend					HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>Line managed by CEO.</li> </ul>
10.	Appointment and dismissal of Finance Director		Decide	Recommend					HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies</li> <li>Line managed by CEO.</li> <li>To act as chief financial officer for delivery of Trust's detailed accounting requirements.</li> <li>This individual should attend board meetings (and committee meetings as appropriate).</li> </ul>

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11.	Appointment and dismissal of HR Director		Decide	Recommend					HR Advice	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>Line managed by CEO.</li> </ul>
12.	Appoint and dismiss Governance Officer		Decide	Advise					HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>May be an additional responsibility for an existing member of staff e.g. likely to also be Company Secretary (see above) and person with responsibility for overseeing admissions. Potentially also the clerk for LGCs.</li> </ul>
13.	Other trust wide appointments and dismissals		Decide	Advise						<ul> <li>Trust to have DPO to comply with GDPR regulations.</li> <li>CEO to identify other roles as needed, and secure support from Board for appointment.</li> </ul>
14.	Performance Management and pay review of Trust wide appointments			Decide						CEO to establish     appropriate line     management structure     for these posts.

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15.	Appointment/ dismissal of Principal		Decide	Advise	Recommend	Advise		See advice/ comments	HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies and articles of association.</li> <li>Chief Executive and LGC panel to interview and recommend.         Directors/Trustees may send one of their members to sit on panel if required.     </li> <li>Line managed by Chief Executive.</li> </ul>
16.	Performance management and pay of Principal			Decide	Advise	Advise			<ul> <li>HR Adviser to support and advise</li> <li>Independent advisor should support appraisal process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies</li> <li>Chief Executive to performance manage. Advisory role for LGC.</li> </ul>
17.	Appointment of other Senior Leadership Team positions			Recommend	Decide	Decide	Advise		HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>LGC panel plus Principal to interview and decide unless LGC delegate particular appointment to Principal.</li> <li>Line managed by Principal.</li> </ul>

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18.	Appointment of special needs co-ordinator (SENCO)				Decide (unless delegated)	Decide	Advise		HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>LGC panel plus         Principal to interview         and decide unless         LGC delegate         particular         appointment to         Principal.</li> <li>Any allocated SEND         local governor to be         involved as         appropriate.</li> <li>Line managed by         Principal.</li> </ul>
19.	Appointment of educational visits co-ordinator				Decide (unless delegated)	Decide	Advise		HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>LGC panel plus Principal to interview and decide unless LGC delegate particular appointment to Principal or other.</li> <li>Line managed by Principal.</li> </ul>
20.	Appointment safeguarding/child protection officer (designated senior person) and a deputy				Decide (unless delegated)	Decide	Advise		HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>LGC panel plus Principal to interview and decide unless LGC delegate particular appointment to Principal.</li> <li>Line managed by Principal.</li> </ul>

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21.	Appointment of academy finance/business manager or equivalent			Decide	Consult	Advise	Advise		HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>This role may not be considered needed in the Trust's structure.</li> <li>If appointed must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>Panel to include:         <ul> <li>Principal;</li> <li>Trust's Finance Director;</li> <li>Chair of Local Governors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Line managed by Trust Finance Director.</li> </ul>
22.	Appointment to other Academy staff positions				Decide (unless delegated)	Decide	Advise		HR Adviser to support and advise     Where decisions not delegated to Principal, Principal will be asked to advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>Appointment decisions may be delegated to the Principal (or further delegated where reflected in agreed policy).</li> <li>Line managed by Principal or other SLT member.</li> </ul>

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23. Performance management and pay review of Academy level appointments (other than Principal)	d			Decide	Decide	Advise		HR Adviser to support and advise	<ul> <li>Must be in accordance with Trust approved HR policies.</li> <li>Line manager.</li> <li>Where Principal is not line manager, the Principal may be involved in process (as appropriate).</li> </ul>

Edu	cation prov	vision								
DEC	CISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
Stand teach	lards of iing		Oversee (Trust wide)	Responsible (Trust wide) Advise	Oversee (Academy level) Advise	Scrutinise	Responsible		<ul> <li>Advice and support from School Effectiveness Adviser as required</li> <li>Analysis of standards information to be provided by Principal to LGC and Chief Executive to enable appropriate scrutiny</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Principal responsible for observing and evaluating performance at Acader level and securing improvement, under oversight of Chief Executive.</li> <li>Directors/Trustees &amp; Members to receive agreed level of reporting (see section A above).</li> <li>Key role for Trust Standards Committee.</li> </ul>
	progress and nment		Oversee	Responsible Advise	Oversee, Advise	Scrutinise	Responsible		<ul> <li>Advice and support from School         Effectiveness Adviser as required     </li> <li>Analysis of progress and attainment to be provided by Principal to LGC and Chief Executive to enable appropriate local scrutiny</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Principal responsible for progress and attainment and securing improvement at Acader level, under oversight of Chief Executive.</li> <li>Directors/Trustees &amp; Members to receive agreed level of reporting (see section A above).</li> <li>Key role for Trust Standards Committee.</li> </ul>

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3.	Setting curriculum policy		Approve	Oversee	Recommend	Scrutinise	Advise		Advice and support from School Effectiveness Adviser as required	Curriculum must be balanced and broadly based and comply with the terms of any curriculum policy/requirements determined by the Board. Curriculum must fully cover the "Prevent" agenda, must promote British Values and prohibit political indoctrination and must comply with the Equalities Act 2010.
4.	Curriculum provision			Oversee	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			Principal to implement in line with policy, overseen by Chief Executive.
5.	Setting RE policy		Approve	Recommend to Board	Oversee	Scrutinise	Recommend	See advice/ comments		Must comply with the terms of any curriculum. policy/requirements determined by the Board.     Must ensure academy is meeting the relevant statutory requirements for RE.     Denominational syllabus must be followed.
6.	RE provision			Oversee	Monitor	Scrutinise	Responsible	See advice/ comments		Principal to implement agreed policy, overseen by Chief Executive.
7.	Examinations				Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible where appropriate			Principal to ensure     appropriate arrangements     put in place for     examinations.
8.	Determining Collective Worship policy		Approve	Recommends to Board	Advise		Recommend			

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9.	Collective Worship provision				Oversee		Responsible	See advice/ comments		Principal to implement agreed policy.
10.	Determining SMSC policy			Oversee	Approve	Scrutinise	Recommend			
11.	SMSC provision			Oversee	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible	See advice/ comments		Principal to implement agreed policy.
12.	Determining sex education policy		Approve	Recommends	Consult	Scrutinise	Consult			
13.	Sex education provision				Monitor		Responsible			Principal to implement agreed policy.
14.	Determining off site visits policy		Approve	Recommend Oversee	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			<ul> <li>Principal to implement agreed policy at Academy level, overseen by Chief Executive.</li> <li>Should dovetail with health and safety policy.</li> <li>Policy should require that potentially hazardous activities are referred to the Board for approval.</li> <li>Chief Executive to report to Directors/Trustees on any material concerns about operation of policy.</li> </ul>
15.	Careers advice provision				Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			
16.	Community and after school provision (extended schools)			Oversee	Oversee	Advise	Responsible		See section G below in relation to use of school premises	

D2	D2 Behaviour, attendance and welfare											
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS		
17.	Determining behaviour and discipline policy (including exclusions)			Oversee	Approve	Recommend	Advise			<ul> <li>Principal to implement, overseen by Chief Executive.</li> <li>Chief Executive to report to Directors/Trustees on any material concerns about operation of policy.</li> </ul>		

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18.	Home school agreements (if required)				Approve	Recommend	Advise			Principal responsible for co-ordinating and managing.
19.	Exclusions – decision to exclude				Monitor	Scrutinise	Responsible			<ul> <li>May be for one or more fixed periods (up to a maximum of 45 school days in a single academic year), or permanently.</li> <li>The Principal may withdraw an exclusion that has not been reviewed by the LGC.</li> </ul>
20.	Notifications of exclusions				Receive		Responsible			Principal to notify LGC and others in accordance with Exclusions Code. Depending on exclusion, this will be either without delay or once a term. Notifications must include the reasons and duration.
21.	Exclusions – to review overall pattern and use of exclusions			Oversee	Responsible	Scrutinise	Responsible			Directors/Trustees to receive agreed level of reporting (see Section A above).
22.	Exclusions – arrange alternative provision				Oversee		Responsible			Arrange alternative provision in accordance with Exclusions Code.
23.	Exclusions – to review exclusion decisions and consider reinstatement in applicable cases				Responsible					Can be delegated to sub-committee of at least 3 LGC members.     Can be delegated to Chair of LGC where permitted by Exclusions Code.

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24.	Pupil attendance			Oversee	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			<ul> <li>Directors/Trustees to receive agreed level of reporting (see Section A above).</li> </ul>
25.	Safeguarding and child protection policy		Approve	Recommend Oversee	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			<ul> <li>Principal to implement at academy level, overseen by Chief Executive.</li> <li>Chief Executive to report to Directors/Trustees on any material concerns about operation of policy.</li> </ul>

D3	School meals									
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
26.	Provision of school meals				Oversee		Responsible			<ul> <li>Must include provision of free school meals to those eligible.</li> <li>Must be in accordance with nutritional standards.</li> </ul>
D4	Admissions									
27.	Determining commissioning and admissions policy		Approve	Advise	Recommend	Scrutinise	Advise	See advice/ comments		
28.	Commissions and admissions application decisions				Responsible	Scrutinise	Advise			<ul> <li>Principal responsible for co-ordinating and managing process.</li> <li>Must be in accordance with published admission arrangements.</li> <li>The whole LGC must make the decision as to who will be offered places.</li> </ul>

E.	Accessibility	<u> </u>								
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXEC PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
1.	Accessibility plan				Responsible	Scrutinise	Recommend			Plan for increasing accessibility to disabled pupils (curriculum, physical environment, information).
2.	Equality information and objectives statement and equality objectives		Approve	Recommend	Advise	Scrutinise	Advise		Chief Executive to co- ordinate process with input from Principal and others as required	Requirement to draw up and publish equality objectives every four years and annually publish information demonstrating how meeting the aims of the general public sector equality duty.

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	Determine SEND and inclusion policies			Approve Oversee	Recommend	Scrutinise	Advise Responsible		Advice from SENCO	<ul> <li>To include social disadvantage, equality, disability discrimination, looked after children, pupil premiums.</li> <li>Directors/Trustees may provide templates for tailoring at local level.</li> <li>There should be a member of the LGC with specific oversight of the school's arrangements for SEN and disability.</li> <li>Principal to implement at Academy level (overseen by Chief Executive).</li> <li>Chief Executive to report to Directors/Trustees on any material concerns about operation of policy.</li> </ul>
4.	Reviewing and challenging effectiveness of SEND and inclusion policies and decisions		Responsible (Trust wide)	Advise	Responsible (Academy level), Advise	Scrutinise	Advise			

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5.	SEN information report		Approve	Advise	Recommend	Scrutinise	Advise		-	<ul> <li>The SEN Information Report should be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year should be updated as soon as possible.</li> <li>Contains details about the implementation of the SEN policy</li> <li>Trust Board may provide templates to enable co-ordinated reporting.</li> </ul>

F.	Finance and	procur	ement							
	DECISION		BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
I.	Appoint/remove auditors	Decide	Recommend						Finance Director to advise and manage process	Key role for Audit     Committee.
2.	Appoint responsible officer/internal auditor/agreement of additional assurance support from auditors or other third party		Decide						Finance Director to advise and manage process	Key role for Audit Committee.
3.	Respond to auditors' report/advice		Oversee (Trust level) Responsible (Board recommendat ions)	Responsible (Trust level) Advise	Oversee (Academy level matters)	Scrutinise	Responsible (Academy level matters) Advise		Finance Director to support, with assistance from Finance team	Key role for Audit Committee.
4.	Annual Report and Accounts	Receive, scrutinise	Approve	Advise, Approve				See advice/ comments	Trust Finance Director to co-ordinate draft, with input from Chief Executive and Governance Officer Auditors to review and sign off Directors/Trustees and Accountable Officer must approve relevant sections	<ul> <li>Finance and Audit committee to scrutinise and recommend accounts to Board and members.</li> <li>The Members should receive and scrutinise the accounts at their AGM.</li> <li>The document should be filed with Companies House and the DfE and uploaded onto the Trust's website.</li> </ul>

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5.	Establish financial policies, procedures, regulations and internal financial controls		Approve	Recommend Advise					Finance Director to support and advise	<ul> <li>Including financial delegations, investment policy, procurement policy, borrowing, charging and remissions policy, reserves policy etc and reflect who can sign off on financial reporting etc.</li> <li>Key role for Audit Committee.</li> <li>Principals to implement at Academy level, overseen by Chief Executive.</li> <li>Chief Executive to report to Directors/Trustees on any material concerns about operation of policy.</li> </ul>

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6.	Agree a funding model for Trust and academies, which includes policies on: Income generation; Use of surpluses; Carry forward; and Reserves		Approve	Recommend Advise			Advise		Finance Director to support and advise	<ul> <li>Key role for Audit         Committee.</li> <li>Specific attention to be         paid to making best use of         income generation         potential of AP         academies.</li> <li>Agreement to be reached         over % of surplus retained         by any individual academy.</li> <li>Each principal has a         responsibility to attempt         to generate income for         their academy and the         MAT.</li> <li>Any additional funding         stream likely to bring in         over £10,000 needs to be         planned with the CEO.</li> </ul>
7.	Set Trust budget		Approve	Recommend Advise					Finance Director to support and advise	Key role for Audit     Committee.
8.	Monitor trust wide expenditure		Responsible	Advise					Finance Director to support and advise	Key role for Audit     Committee.
9.	Set academy budget		Approve	Recommend		Recommend	Advise		Finance Director to support and advise     LGC to make recommendations	<ul> <li>Must be in line with overall Trust budget.</li> <li>Key role for Audit Committee.</li> </ul>

	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
10.	Monitor academy expenditure			Oversee		Scrutinise	Responsible		Local Finance Manager to support and advise	<ul> <li>Incur expenditure, enter into contracts and make payments in accordance with academy specific budget.</li> <li>Expenditure must be in line with agreed budget.</li> <li>Approve pay discretions in accordance with Pay Policy and budget.</li> <li>Regular reporting to take place to Finance Director to inform Trust wide monitoring.</li> </ul>
11.	Determine central services provision, establish own central operations and/or procure from third parties		Approve	Recommend			Consulted		Finance Director to support and advise	Key role for Audit Committee.
12.	Opening bank account		Approve						Finance Director to support and advise	All bank accounts must be in the name of the Trust and operated in accordance with the Financial regulations.
13.	Asset register			Responsible – TRUST WIDE		Scrutinise	Responsible– ACADEMY LEVEL		Finance Director to support and advise	

G.	G. Health and safety, insurance and premises and extended schools										
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS	
1.	Approval of Health and safety policy and arrangements		Approve, Oversee	Responsible	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible		Chief Executive to present draft policy for consideration	<ul> <li>Chief Executive responsible for ensuring appropriate health and safety procedures are in place in line with approved policy and are operating effectively.</li> <li>Principals to implement policy at Academy level and oversee operation of procedures (overseen by Chief Executive and advising Chief Executive in relation to significant issues).</li> <li>Policy to include appropriate reporting mechanisms at Member, Director/Trustee and LGC level.</li> </ul>	

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2.	Obtaining insurance for land and trust & academy operations		Decide	Recommend Advise			Advise		Finance Director to advise and support and liaise with broker	<ul> <li>To include Director &amp; Officer cover, buildings and contents, business continuity, employers' and public liability insurance, motor vehicle cover etc as required.</li> <li>Chief Executive to ensure details of insurance policy requirements appropriately disseminated.</li> </ul>
3.	Agree site strategy and development master plan		Decide	Recommend	Advise	Scrutinise	Advise	See advice/ comments	Finance Director to advise and support	
4.	Maintenance of premises				Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			
5.	Maintain academy Premises management documents (e.g. asbestos, fire safety, statutory testing)		Oversee	Oversee	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			<ul> <li>Principal to ensure appropriate documents in place (overseen by the Chief Executive).</li> <li>Chief Executive to report any material concerns to Trust Board and LGC.</li> </ul>

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	Approving Capital projects/building works		Decide	Advise	Advise	Scrutinise	Advise	See advice/ comments	Finance Director to advise and support	<ul> <li>LA lease should be checked prior to any works on LA land and any necessary consents obtained.</li> <li>All necessary DfE approvals should be obtained.</li> <li>Trust Board needs to approve development projects in line with MAT Development Plan.</li> </ul>
7.	Managing Academy capital projects/building works/maintenance		Oversee Over £50,000	Responsible Up to £50,000*+	Oversee Up to £50,000	Responsible Up to £10,000*	Advise		Finance     Director/Local     Finance manager to     advise and support	<ul> <li>All necessary DfE processes should be followed.</li> <li>*Can be exceeded in line with business plans approved at Board level.</li> <li>+In consultation with Academy principal group, the CEO is allowed to authorise expenditure of up to £50,000 per project, or £150,000 over 3 years, on those projects which will support the overall investment strategy. Anything greater than that needs to be referred to the Board for approval.</li> </ul>

	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
8.	Site security			Oversee	Oversee (Academy level)	Advise	Responsible (Academy level)			Chief Executive to oversee overarching arrangements across Trust.
9.	Acquiring and disposing of land (including leases, licences and easements)		Decide	Advise	Recommend (Academy specific)			See advice/ comments	Finance Director to advise and support	<ul> <li>LA lease should be checked prior to making any disposal of LA land.</li> <li>All necessary DfE approvals should be obtained.</li> </ul>
	Determining permissible external and community use policy (letting/licencing/ shared use arrangements)		Decide	Recommend				See advice/ comments	Finance Director to advise and support	Policy should reflect requirement to obtain any necessary DfE/LA/site trustee consents. Policy should reflect what happens to any revenue generated from such use.
11.	Managing external and community use			Oversee	Oversee		Responsible		Local finance manager to advise and support	Must be in accordance with agreed policy.

11	External comm	nunications	S							
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
I.	Trust prospectus		Approve	Recommend						
2.	School prospectus			Oversee	Approve	Scrutinise	Recommend			Chief Executive to ensure prospectus in line with Trust requirements (templates may be provided).
3.	Trust website		Oversee	Responsible						<ul> <li>Chief Executive to ensure legally compliant and that it dovetails appropriately with Academy websites.</li> </ul>
4.	Academy website			Oversee	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			<ul> <li>Principal to ensure legally compliant, overseen by Chief Executive.</li> <li>Chief Executive to ensure dovetails appropriately with Tru website.</li> </ul>
5.	Freedom of Information policy and publication scheme		Approve	Recommend						
6.	Approving press statements		Approve	Approve		Scrutinise	Recommend (Academy matters)			All press statements to be approved by Chief Executive. Press statements that are of a controversial nature should be referred to the Board for their approval (or the Chair where a statement is time critical).

H2	Complaints									
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
	Determining complaints policy and procedure statement		Approve	Recommend						<ul> <li>Policy to provide for local management of complaints, with escalation to Trust Board where necessary.</li> <li>Policy to include appropriate reporting at Director/Trustee and LGC level.</li> </ul>
8.	Implementation of complaints policy and procedures			Responsible Oversee (Trust wide)	Oversee (Academy level)	Oversee	Responsible (Academy level)			<ul> <li>Chief Executive to implement in relation to trust wide complaints, Principal to implement in relation to Academy complaints, overseen by Chief Executive.</li> <li>Chief Executive to report to Directors/Trustees on any material concerns about operation of policy.</li> </ul>

H3	Information ma	anagemer	nt							
	DECISION	MEMBERS	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	CEO	LGC	EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL	ACADEMY PRINCIPAL	THIRD PARTY	ADVICE	COMMENTS
9.	Data protection and document management policy		Approve	Recommend Advise					Chief Executive to advise	Policy to include appropriate reporting at Director/Trustee and LGC level.
10.	Implementation of data protection policy and procedures		Oversee	Responsible Oversee	Oversee (Academy level)	Scrutinise	Responsible (Academy level)			<ul> <li>Principal to notify LGC and Chief Executive of any material concerns/breaches to Chief Executive.</li> <li>Chief Executive to report any material concerns/breaches to Trust Board.</li> </ul>
11.	Pupil records (including attendance register)			Oversee	Oversee	Scrutinise	Responsible			
12.	Ensure compliance with GDPR regulations		Oversee	Responsible	Oversee (Academy level)	Scrutinise	Responsible (Academy level)			<ul> <li>Principal to notify LGC and Chief Executive of any material concerns/breaches to Chief Executive.</li> <li>Chief Executive to report any material concerns/breaches to Trust Board.</li> </ul>