

Committee Education Board	Dated: 8 March 2018
Subject: Roles of the City of London Corporation as Sponsor and City of London Academies Trust (04504128)	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
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Summary

At its meeting on 9 November 2018, Members requested a summary report on division on respective responsibilities of City of London Academies Trust (the Trust) and the Sponsor to be submitted to the Education Board. The division of responsibilities between the Sponsor and the Trust is outlined on page 2.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. At its meeting on 9 November 2017, Members asked for a summary report on the division of respective responsibilities of the Trust and the Sponsor to be submitted to the Education Board.

Current Position

2. A table outlining the arrangements for co-operation and engagement between the City of London Corporation as Sponsor and the Trust is on page 2 of this report, and provides a summary of the key matters the City Corporation and the Trust have agreed they will engage in.

Conclusion

3. Members are asked to note the report, which outlines the key matters on which the City Corporation and the Trust have agreed they will engage in.

Appendices

- None

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Arrangements for Co-operation and Engagement between the City of London Corporation and the City of London Academies Trust (04504128)

The collaborative relationship which exists between City of London Academies Trust (“the Trust”) and its sponsor the City of London Corporation (“the City Corporation”) in the delivery of outstanding education in London is underpinned by our shared values, the Trust’s Articles of Association and the Sponsorship Agreement. A summary of the key matters upon which the City Corporation and the Trust have agreed they will engage in pursuing their common vision and values, and in respect of which the City Corporation must give its prior written agreement or otherwise be consulted or informed while respecting the independence of the Trust, are:

	Description	Particulars	Agree/Consult ¹ /Inform	Reference ²
1	Governance	Material changes to the Trust’s governance structures and other key governance matters, including:	Consult	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 6.2, 6.4
a	Governance	- changes to the Trust’s Articles of Association or Funding Agreements	Agree	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.2
b	Governance	- changes to the Trust’s Committee/LGB terms of reference	Inform	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 6.2 (Article 100)
c	Governance	- changes to the Trust’s Scheme of delegations	Consult	Clause: 2, 3.1, 3.3
2	Governance	Appointment or removal of up to six Sponsor Directors/Trustees (informed by a skills audit) ³	Agree	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 6.1 Articles: 46(a), 50, 66, 67
3	Governance	Appointment or removal of a Chair of a LGB	Agree	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 6.2 (Article 100)
4	Governance	Appoint to fill LGB –vacancies (informed by a skills audit)	Consult	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 6.2 (Article 100)
5	Governance	Appointment or removal of the Trust’s CEO (with the right to participate in the appointment process)	Consult	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 6.4
6	Governance	Opening or closing (and expanding or contracting) a school (the City Corporation to undertake appropriate due diligence)	Agree	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.9, 4
7	Finance	A request for funding from the City Corporation	Agree	Clauses: 2, 3.1
8	Finance	A major investment project requiring funding from an external source including the ESFA	Agree	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.9, 4
9	Finance	Expansion of the Trust’s activities requiring capital investment	Agree	Clause: 2, 3.1, 4
10	Collaboration	Any matter which may impact upon the City or Trust’s reputation	Consult	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.9, 4, 7.1
11	Collaboration	Sub-licensing the licence to use the City Corporation’s name and logo	Agree	Clause: 7.2
12	Collaboration	City Corporation attendance at Trust Meetings	Inform	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.5
13	Collaboration	Provision of Information upon request, including:	Inform	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7
a	Collaboration	- strategic trends and high level academic results (incl. summary of key areas of success and concern)	Inform	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7
b	Collaboration	- major safeguarding incidents or trends (subject to any legal restrictions on disclosure)	Inform	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.7
c	Collaboration	- financial information	Inform	Clauses: 2, 3.7
d	Collaboration	- strategic issues for the Trust, or which may have a wider impact for the City Corporation (including to involve the City Corporation in all communications with the DfE, the ESFA and the RSCs)	Consult	Clauses: 2, 3.1, 3.9

¹ Following consultation the City Corporation’s agreement may be required to any action arising as it affects the City’s interests as sponsor and corporate member of the company.

² Reference to Articles, are to the Articles of Association (adopted on 13 March 2016). Reference to Clauses, are to the Sponsorship Agreement (dated 31 May 2016).

³ Article 47 – There must always be a majority of Sponsor Trustees on the Trust Board i.e. the number of Co-opted Trustees which the Trustees may appoint themselves must always be in the minority. Article 82 – Chairman of the Trust Board must be a member of the Court of Common Council. Article 117 – Quorum at a meeting of the Trust Board normally requires a majority of Sponsor Trustees to be present and entitled to vote.

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