

City of London Academies Trust**Local Governing Bodies****Standard Terms of Reference****Preamble**

The City of London Academies Trust (the Trust), has agreed to establish a local governing body for each school within the Trust, which will oversee the performance of individual schools against the key performance indicators set by the Trust Board as well as establish its own identity, and strengths and weaknesses, and how best to address them.

The Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) have responsibility for the functioning of their schools, within the overall strategic direction and framework of delegation set by the Trust.

Responsibilities:

- A commitment to providing outstanding education that enriches and inspires students, enabling them to reach their full academic and personal potential.
- To work within the scheme of delegation established on an annual basis, and to review effectiveness each year.
- Recommend an LGB budget plan for the financial year, and monitor the budget at least termly.
- Set targets/objectives for academy and executive principals/headteachers with the CEO of the Trust, and monitor these targets.
- Recommend the appointment of principals/headteachers and approve vice principal/deputy headteacher appointments.
- Adopt Trust-wide staff, HR, pay, performance and disciplinary policies.
- Approve the school development plan and review progress against the development plan.
- Establish and implement a curriculum policy.
- Propose targets for student achievement and monitor targets.
- Approve pupil behaviour policies and monitor implementation of these policies.
- Propose academy admissions policy.
- Approve academy safeguarding/Prevent policies.
- Approve academy premises related policies.
- Approve and implement health and safety policies.
- Any other responsibilities as listed in the scheme of delegation (attached).
- Propose expansion opportunities for the Trust.

Membership:

LGB membership will be structured as follows:

- 2 elected parent governors
- 1 Headteacher/Principal
- 1 teacher governor
- 1 non-teaching staff governor

- Up to 7 further governors nominated by the LGB or the City of London Corporation and approved by the CoLAT Board, to include the Chair (whose appointment is approved by the City of London Corporation as Sponsor) and the Vice Chair.

LGB governors are appointed by the City of London Academies Trust Trustees, in consultation with the City of London Corporation as Sponsor. The Chair of the LGB is appointed by the Trustees, with the approval of the Sponsor. The Trustees also have the power to intervene and request a governor to stand down, or in extreme cases, remove a governor if necessary.

LGB advisory groups

Each LGB will set up advisory groups, depending on the needs of the individual schools. Groups will provide advice to the LGB on areas such as finance, accountability, staffing and curriculum. LGBs will make final decisions on any matters advised on by the groups.

Quorum

A minimum of 5 governors in attendance, with the majority being governors who are not parent or staff governors, constitutes a quorum.

If the number of Governors assembled for a meeting of the Local Governing Body does not constitute a quorum, the meeting shall not be held. If in the course of a meeting of the Local Governing Body the number of Governors present ceases to constitute a quorum, the meeting shall be terminated forthwith.

Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair is appointed by the Trust Board, but requires approval from the City Corporation as Sponsor.

Meetings

The Local Governing Body shall meet at least once in every term, and shall hold such other meetings as may be necessary. All meetings shall be convened by the Clerk to the Local Governing Body, who shall send to the Governors written notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda at least seven clear days in advance of the meeting.

Clerking

The LGBs have responsibility for appointing their own clerks.

Variations

Under exceptional circumstances, the numbers, membership and nature of the Local Governing Body may be varied. Any variation must be submitted for consideration by the Trust Board who will decide whether, and for how long, the approval is given.