NET Academies Trust

(Cluster) Local Governing Body

Summary Remit

Under delegated authority from the Trust Board, to be the local governing body for NET Academies:

- ensuring that NET's values are fully realised in the academies so that every pupil develops and achieves to their full potential.
- maintaining a detailed understanding of the strengths and areas for development of the academies, developing, proposing, implementing and monitoring long and short term plans
- Monitor and review standards of performance on a termly basis
- Monitor and review risk on a termly basis
- ensuring academies are appropriately staffed, led and managed in accordance with Trust policies and available resources
- ensuring that policies and procedures remain relevant and adhered to in practice
- contributing to the overall development of NET and its academies
- monitor safeguarding practices and procedures
- advise, monitor and report to the Trust Board as detailed in the scheme of delegation

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Terms of Reference

1. Powers of the Trust Board of Trustees

1.1. The Trustees of the Trust Board shall establish the (Cluster) Local Governing Body as a committee of the Trust Board as set out in the Trust's Articles of Association (Article 100).

1.2. The Trustees shall determine and approve the Local Governing Body Terms of Reference and shall review the Terms at the start of each academic year (Article 104).

1.3. The Trustees shall determine and approve the delegation of powers, responsibilities and duties to the Local Governing Body and shall review this Scheme of Delegation at the start of each academic year (Article 105).

1.4. The Trustees shall have the right to intervene in the governance of an academy where it has serious cause for concern, including:

1.4.1. Standards of performance of pupils at the Academy are unacceptably low;

1.4.2. Serious breakdown in the way the Academy is governed or managed;

1.4.3. Safety of pupils or staff is threatened;

1.4.4. Financial mismanagement or failure to operate within budget.

1.5. The Trust Scheme of Delegation is available on the Trust website.

1.6 Where a Local Governing Body is a Cluster Local Governing Body, responsible for two or more academies, references to 'academy/school' may be interpreted in the plural, and references to 'head of school' may apply to a 'headteacher/executive principal'.

2. Powers of the Local Governing Body

2.1. The Governors shall exercise the powers, responsibilities and duties delegated by the Trust Board as set out in the Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation, and in particular:

2.1.1. to carry forward the Trust's vision in ways that are appropriate to the academy's status, pupils, staff and community;

2.1.2. to implement policies, plans and actions to comply with statutory regulations, the Trust's policies and procedures and the decisions of the Trustees;

2.1.3. to hold to account the academy/school leadership for the academic performance, the quality of provision and the quality of care;

2.1.4. to review and recommend the Academy Targets and Performance Review to the Trust Board and monitor progress towards the approved targets;

2.1.5. to review and approve and monitor the School Development Plan to achieve the approved Academy/School Performance Targets;

2.1.6. to monitor the management of staff to comply with statutory regulation and the Trust's HR regulations, policies and procedures;

2.1.7. to review and recommend to the Trust Board any changes to the academy provision such as Published Admissions Number (PAN) or age range;

2.1.8. to review and apply such academic and pupil-related policies and plans that are determined by the Trust;

2.1.9. to review and recommend to the Trust Board the Academy admission policy and oversee the allocation of places against the approved Academy/School admissions policy;

2.1.10. Where the Local Governing Body is responsible for a cluster of schools, to establish parent forums and school councils in accordance with guidance from the Trust Board to consult with pupils, parents and the local community on matters relating to the operation and performance of the academy/school and to take into account advice received.

3. Composition and Appointment of the Local Governing Body

3.1. The composition of the Local Governing Body shall be as follows:

3.1.1. two (2) elected Parent Governors from amongst the parents or carers of registered pupils at the Academy/Cluster;

3.1.2. up to five (5) Trust Governors appointed by the Trust Board;

3.1.3. the Academy Headteacher/Head of School (Chair of the Parent Forum)

3.1.4. the CEO

4. Term of Office and Responsibilities of Governors

4.1. The Term of Office for all Governors except the Headteacher/Head of School and CEO is 4 years.

4.2. On appointment Governors are each required to familiarise themselves and to agree to comply with;

4.2.1. Trust Articles of Association;

4.2.2. Trust Financial Regulations;

4.2.3. these Terms;

4.2.4. current relevant legislation and guidance for Governors.

4.3 Panels will be established as and when required to consider specific matters in accordance with the school policies and procedures, with membership determined and agreed by the Chair of the Local Governing Body (LGB).

5. Meetings of the Local Governing Body

5.1. The Local Governing Body shall normally meet at least once per term and at least four times per year and in particular:

5.1.1. the Local Governing Body shall meet at the appropriate times set out in the Trust Governance Calendar;

5.1.2. the Governors will receive notice of each meeting 7 clear days before the date of the meeting;

5.1.3. the agenda, papers and minutes of Local Governing Body meetings will sent to the Clerk to the Trustees when they are issued to Governors;

5.1.4. minutes will be signed by the Local Governing Body Chair at the next meeting to verify that the minutes are a true record.

5.2. Quorum for a meeting of the Local Governing Body will be one half (1/2) of a number of Governors entitled to vote.

5.3. Each question to be decided at a meeting of the Local Governing Body shall be determined by a majority of votes of Governors present and eligible to vote on the question. In the event that there are equal votes on the question then the Chair shall have an additional casting vote.

6. Appointment of the Local Governing Body Chair and Vice Chair

6.1. The Trust Board shall appoint the Chair and Vice Chair.

6.2. The Trust Board shall have the right to remove the Chair and/or Vice Chair, specifically in circumstances outlined in item 1.4 of these Terms of Reference.

7. Appointment of a Clerk

7.1. The CEO shall appoint a Clerk to the Local Governing Body, who may be recommended by Governors.

8. Governors' Expenses

8.1. The Trust Board shall set out a policy for payment of exceptional expenses incurred by Governors, subject to prior application and approval by the Chair of the Local Governing Body

Declaration

The Board of Trustees, at their meeting on 3 November 2026 resolved to adopt these Terms of Reference. A copy will be stored with the Trust Board records. *These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually at the start of the academic year.*

Signature
(Chair of the Local Governing Body)

Date of signature