

Resources Committee Terms of Reference

Membership

The committee shall consist of at least 4 members of the governing body¹. *The headteacher is, ex-officio, a member of the committee.*

The committee will elect a chair from within its own membership

Non-voting participants may be invited to meetings by the committee as and when required.

The committee shall have such associate members, non-voting, as the governing body shall appoint. The committee may make recommendations for these appointments.

The membership of the committee shall be reviewed and determined annually by the governing body.

Quorum

The quorum shall be a minimum of 3 governors, including the headteacher, but excluding any associate members.

Meetings

The clerk to the committee shall be responsible for convening meetings of the committee. Procedures of any meetings held must be minuted and these minutes presented for the next meeting of the governing body.

The committee shall meet at least once a term and otherwise as required.

Finance

Responsibilities

1. To provide guidance and assistance to the headteacher and the governing body on all financial issues.
2. To recommend to the governing body internal financial regulations for the financial management of the school in accordance with guidance issued by the Authority.
3. To consider budget plans presented by the headteacher and to make recommendations to the governing body for approval.
4. To consider budget monitoring reports relating to all public funds (ie school budget share and any other funds delegated and devolved by the LA, including Standards Fund) and make recommendations to the governing body.
5. To recommend virements between budget headings where the value is in excess of the sum delegated to the headteacher under the school's internal financial regulations.
6. To consider and make recommendations on all school finance policies and their implementation, including those relating to charges and remissions, lettings and income.
7. To contribute to the school's development plan and ensure it includes consideration of the longer term resource requirements of the school.
8. To consider the appropriate level of reserves and balances bearing in mind guidance produced by the Authority.
9. To consider audit reports and other relevant reports and make recommendations to the governing body.
10. To consider appropriate arrangements to attain/continue to meet the Schools Financial Value Standard in Schools (SFVS).

11. To consider and advise on any financial matter referred to it by the governing body.
12. To respond, on behalf of the governing body, to any consultations relating to the Scheme of Delegation or the Funding of Schools.

Personnel

Responsibilities

1. To prepare staff policies for approval by the governing body.
2. In conjunction with the headteacher, to draw up a staffing structure and to review it annually.
3. To ensure that all the procedures relating to the recruitment, selection and appointment of staff are in place and that they are kept under review following any changes in legislation.
4. To recommend that more than one governor undertakes the Safeguarding Training.
5. A member of the committee represents the Governing Body on the interviewing panel when interviewing for new staff.
6. To ensure that all procedures for the appointment of teaching staff and key support staff are carried out, in accordance with agreed arrangements and to delegate to the headteacher and one committee member the appointment of all other support staff.
7. To delegate to the headteacher all provision of supply cover of under one term's duration.
8. To ensure that consultations take place as required (eg over pay policy) with all staff or with recognised trade unions.
9. To ensure that appropriate job descriptions are in place.
10. To check that the arrangements for staff appraisal (performance management) are in place and being developed.
11. To monitor the programme of staff development and training and ensure it meets the needs of the school development/improvement plan and of the staff.
12. To receive regular reports on staff absence, if not already reported to the full governing body.
13. Review annually the unit total of the school and the effect, if any on the ISR
14. To review the number of pupil exclusions and reasons for exclusions.

NOTE The appointment of a headteacher or deputy headteacher is not a function of this committee.

Buildings

Responsibilities

1. To exercise delegated responsibility for the condition, repair, extension or alteration of premises.
2. To advise the governing body on major projects deemed to be necessary or appropriate
3. To work with relevant partners and consultants to ensure that new buildings and improvements, as agreed with the governing body, are progressed and where appropriate that the payments are made.
4. To ensure that arrangements are in place for the dissemination of health and safety information to all building users, including staff, pupils and visitors.

5. To review the school's health and safety policy as and when required and to advise, along with the headteacher, the governing body with regard to its compliance with health and safety regulations.
6. To monitor accident reports and fire drills and where appropriate recommend and take advice on remedial action.
7. To ensure the school complies with health and safety regulations, including that a regular audit of risk assessment is undertaken and to take action where necessary
8. To promote co-operation between all employees at the school to achieve and to maintain a safe and healthy workplace for staff and pupils.
9. To examine safety inspection reports and to make recommendations where remedial action is required.
10. To be mindful of the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Health and Safety

The governing body's responsibilities for health and safety are often incorporated in the remit of the Premises Committee. A further committee may be required by the Safety Representatives and Safety Committee Regulations 1977, which states that if two union members formally request a safety committee to be set up, this must be done within three months. Representation on this committee is usually from the school staff. In any event, the Health and Safety (Consultation with Employees) Regulations 1996 extends the right of consultation on health and safety matters to all workers, not just those represented by trade union representatives

Objectives

1. Prepare and review Health and Safety Policy
2. Study accident reports and statistics
3. Examine safety inspection reports
4. Analyse and implement information provided by the LA
5. Develop safe systems of work
6. Determine risk assessments
7. Promote and review safety culture
8. Communicate health and safety issues to all concerned
9. Identify training requirements
10. Security