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Key actions and decisions from the Trustees meeting on the 15th September 2022 at 7pm at Laurance <u>Haines School</u>

No	ITEM	Actions
9	Policy Review – amendments to be made and documents reissued Terms of reference Education Committee 22-23 Child Protection and Safeguarding policy Whistleblowing for one year	Clerk/ CEO/ COO
10	Further information on the role proposed liaison between Trustees and Local Governing Committees and reporting would be circulated outside the meeting.	Chair/ Clerk
	Emma Hill was appointed a Co-opted Trustee	Clerk
	All Trustees to complete declarations via Governor Hub	All Trustees
	CST review - Succession planning is the next key area for review and will be discussed fully at the next meeting. The clerk will make local governing committees aware of the need to ensure there is clear succession planning in place.	Clerk Trust agenda LGC agenda
12	Increased costs will be reforecast in Autumn Term and presented to the Resources Committee.	Resources Committee
	Condition surveys have been procured with Barker Associates. The Resources Committee will review further bids once criteria are published.	Resources Committee
	The Executive Pay working group will include the Chair of the Trustees, One of the chairs from the LGC, Martin Goodman and Liz Jones. James Roach and Sharon Carlyon will also be involved as necessary.	Executive Pay working group
	A working document and terms of reference will be created for the working group.	Chair/CEO
13	The Trustees asked the CEO to pass on their thanks to the staff for all their hard work to ensure the children were able to receive these results.	CEO
14	The CEO will review the Trust plan in line with the Trustee comments and distribute to governors via Governor Hub.	CEO
15	The Education committee will continue to monitor and review educational results for children.	Education Committee
	The Resources Committee was asked to consider the risk of the overall rising cost of living on the Trust, staff and families.	Resources Committee
16	The clerk will send a spreadsheet of courses to be completed via Modern Governor on Governor Hub.	Clerk
	Trustees were asked to complete the following as soon as possible: Safeguarding and Child protection Safeguarding and governance 	
	o Prevent	All Trustees

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TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

HELD on the 15th September 2022 at 7pm at Laurance Haines School

Name	Governor Type	Attended
Morgan Bone	Trustee	Attended - online
Sharon Carlyon (COO)	Company Secretary	Attended
Camilla Castro	Trustee	Attended - online
Andrew Chappell	Trustee	Attended
Claire Edwards	Trustee	Attended
Martin Goodman	Co-opted Trustee	Attended – online
Emma Hill	Co-opted Trustee	Attended
Liz Jones	Trustee	Attended
Emma Lad (Clerk)	Clerk	Attended
Elizabeth Leeman (Chair)	Trustee	Attended
Sanjay Mazumder	Trustee	Apologies
Sally Newing	Trustee	Attended
Elizabeth Redman	Trustee	Attended
James Roach (CEO)	CEO and Trustee	Attended

Beechfield School – BFS Cherry Tree School – CTS
Laurance Haines School – LHS LGB – Local Governing Board
BFS Headteacher – Gillian Jackson
CTS Headteacher – Cheska Tyler
LHS Headteacher – Sebastian Gray

Trustee challenge is highlighted in yellow Governor/ Trustee actions are highlighted in italies

Please see Appendix B: Discussion from Governor Hub ahead of the meeting

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Meeting started 7.05pm

No	ITEM	Action
Proce	dural – 10 minutes	
1	Welcome and Introductions	
	The meeting was quorate.	
	The Clerk welcomed Trustees to the meeting.	
	Sanjay Mazumder sent apologies	
	Emma Hill was welcomed to the meeting and introduced to Trustees.	
2	Apologies for absence and acceptance of those absences	
	There were apologies sent ahead of the meeting by Sanjay Mazumder.	
3	Declarations of Conflicts of Interest	
	There were no conflicts of interest declared.	
4	Review Pecuniary Interests	
	The COO reminded Trustees that they need to declare all possible present and future conflicts of interest.	
	There were no pecuniary interests declared at the meeting.	
5	Notice of Any Other Business	
	There was no notification of any other business.	
6	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	
	Elizabeth Leeman was elected Chair of Trustees for a term of year.	
	Andrew Chappell was elected Vice Chair of Trustees for a term of a year.	
7	Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th July 2022	
	Distributed prior to the meeting via Governor Hub and taken as read: 22.07.07 Inclusive MAT Trust board minutes (approved in principle)	
	The minutes were approved by Trustees as an accurate record of the meeting	
	and were signed by the Chair electronically via Governor Hub.	
8	Matters Arising from the meeting 7 th July 2022 Distributed prior to the meeting via Governor Hub and taken as read: Inclusive MAT actions overview 7.7.22	
	See appendix A – all matters arising are completed or agenda items	

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For feedback/questions

Action

Information

Approval

9	Policy Review	
	Distributed prior to the meeting via Governor Hub and taken as read: Cycle of policy review 2022-23, Child protection and safeguarding policy 2022, Terms of reference Education Committee	
	The following were approved for use by Trustees: Cycle of policy review 2022/23 for one year until September 2023 Terms of reference Education Committee 22-23 until July 2023 Amendment: Wrong committee name used at the beginning of the document. Clerk to update	Clerk
	Child Protection and Safeguarding policy for one year until September 2023	
	T: On P8 it refers to the role of the DSL being explicit in their job description. I just wanted to check that the updated job descriptions to include this where appropriate? COO: Yes it is included	
	Trustees agreed the addition of a section on Youth produced sexual imagery. The CEO will update and reissue	CEO
	7.05pm Sally Newing joined the meeting	
	Whistleblowing for one year until September 2023	
	T: Should the contact details be added near names be added for the CEO, and Chairs? COO: We will include contact details.	coo
	Governance Framework for one year until September 2023 Amendments were approved from discussion at the Trust day.	
	7.10pm Camilla Castro joined the meeting	
0	Governance	
	Distributed prior to the meeting via Governor Hub and taken as read: Academy Trust handbook 2022, Annual planner 2022-23, CST governance Action Plan, Trustee responsibility structure 2022	
	Approve annual plan of business for 2022-23	
	T: We are meant to review the risk register in the entirety, when is that completed?	

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For feedback/questions Action Approval Information The Trustees approved the annual plan of business for 2022-23. Ratify committee membership The Trustees ratified the committee membership: Education Committee: Andrew Chappell, Emma Hill, Liz Jones, Sally Newing, James Roach Resources Committee: Morgan Bone, Claire Edwards, Martin Goodman, Elizabeth Leeman, Sanjay Mazumder, Elizabeth Redman, James Roach Executive Performance Management – Andrew Chappell, Elizabeth Leeman, Elizabeth Redman **Ratify Committee Chairs** The Trustees ratified the Chairs of Committees: T: What is the reporting arrangements between the link Trustee and the **Trust Board?** Further information on the role proposed liaison between Trustees and Chair/ Clerk Local Governing Committees and reporting would be circulated outside the meeting **Education Committee: Andrew Chappell** Resources Committee: Elizabeth Redman Agree Linked trustees' roles See appendix C below Member and Trustee recruitment There are two vacancies for co-opted Trustees and the COO and CEO will advertise the roles appropriately to try and create more diversity in the board and support with succession planning. Emma Hill was appointed a Co-opted Trustee for a term of four years. Chair/ Clerk The clerk will update Governor Hub, the website, and companies House. Review Academy Trust Handbook.

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The COO outlined key changes to the Handbook and drew Trustees

Complete pecuniary interests and provide updated contact details



attention to Section 8 in particular.





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	All Trustees to complete via Governor Hub. The clerk reminded Trustees of the interests which should be declared and explained the importance of fully declaring interests. • Sign all confirmations on Governor Hub All Trustees to complete via Governor Hub once the clerk has added policies approved at this meeting. The clerk will advise trustees when the declaration are available to sign • CST governance review – see appendix D below The Trustees reviewed the actions and discussed progress made to date. Succession planning is the next key area for review and will be discussed fully at the next meeting. The clerk will make local governing committees aware of the need to ensure there is clear succession planning in place.					Trustees/ Clerk Clerk Trust agenda LGC agenda
11	T	Board Chair report				
	•	Trust was selected for a reserves over time had I However, when the advipositive about the mana sent to the boards. They added at a managementeam for their good man. The Trustees discussed this added to the strength booked with the Regionathey are actively consider.	the school on the good staff team. If the published Ofsted to the Queens death. If the Queens death. If the Published of the reverse of the Trustees of the Trustees the published a couple of the Trustees the growth and felt that reverse of the Trusts for the Trusts positional Schools Commission	report and the fantastic report from CTS as all riews and the reason the decision to release red declining savings. finances they were very narry about the information f KPI's which could be anked the COO and the finances. View outcomes such as . A further meeting is to er and they have indicated		
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Distributed prior to the meeting via Governor Hub and taken as read: Resources update for Trust Board Sept 22

- Overview of committee business
- Comments and questions from minutes on the 22nd June 2022 comments below
- Staff pay awards 2022/23

Teachers

- Trustees previously approved the budget as per pay tables within the STRB report which maintained commitment to £30K starting salary for September 2023
- It was anticipated to be 8.5% (MPS1) to 3% (MPS6 and above). The Government have announced pay increases between 8.9% and 5% and are currently consulting until 23rd September. The legislation is expected on the 14th October.
- The impact of the pay award and staff changes since budget approval could be around £160,000 for the Trust.
- The school business officers are reviewing staff structures at present in the light of changes post budget approval and the increased costs will be reforecast in Autumn Term and presented to the Resources Committee.
- o The sector is pressing for a grant to cover increased cost.

Trustees approved the government pay scales as presented.

Support staff

- Trustees previously approved the budget including a 5% increase for 2022. The current offer stands at an increase of £1,925 pa. This equates to 10.5% for employees on pay point 1 to a minimum of 4.04 at the top of the pay spine.
- Unite have rejected this offer (as they did the previous one, but only two unions are needed to accept it). Unison are going to consult with members without a recommendation whether to accept or reject.
- GMB met on 3rd Aug but we have yet to hear the outcome of this meeting.
- o Currently we are awaiting further guidance.

Energy contract update

- The CEO and COO had previously delegated authority from Trustees to approve the energy supplier.
- They approached 2 procurement companies, Utility Aid and Zenergi.
 Both companies encouraged customers to secure longer term deals and expected prices to stay high until 2030.
- Taking advice form Zenergi the Trust have renewed with SSE for gas and electric with 36 month contracts.

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Resources Committee

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		£97K).	ectricity £35K) are (Gas £86k, electricity utumn Term and reviewed	Reso	ources Committee	
			costs in so many areas pe that the government of children is not			
		Trustees were advised estimated to be in the r proposed pay awards.				
		Committee meeting wit	eviewed and discussed h the objective of ensuri budgets remain balanc	ng expenditure is in line		
	•	CIF bids				
	In line with previous discussion and agreement Ingelton Wood, previous estates advisors to the trust, have been given notice and condition surveys have been procured with Barker Associates. The Resources Committee will review further bids once criteria are published					ources Committee
	 BFR3Y Budget Forecast Return 3 Year (BFR3Y) was submitted ahead of the deadline. 					
	•	Executive pay The Chair proposed a w team structure and pay a		d to review the Executive ve years ago.		
		The Executive Pay work One of the chairs from the Roach and Sharon Carly	he LGC, Martin Goodma	n and Liz Jones. James	Exec	utive Pay working group
		A working document and working group.	d terms of reference will	be created for the		Chair/CEO
13	Educ	cation Committee Chair	report (10 minutes)			
	Distr Educ					
	•	Overview of committee to Comments and question prior to the meeting in a meeting.	ns from minutes 11 th July	2022 - see questions no further questions at the		
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Update on the Big Ask

The children continue to take part in the questionnaires set by the Children's Commissioner and have just completed questions on what they did during the summer holidays.

CTS Ofsted inspection

The inspection was a great example of the support across the Trust for the other schools. There was genuine teamwork and strong evidence of the schools working collaboratively.

There are strong relationships within the Trust to allow staff to support each other. This is allowing the children to benefit from the shared knowledge and staff to benefit from the shared support. This is no longer driven by the Executive an is an organic thing in most cases.

KS2 SATs data

Raw Data previously provided to Trustees in July 2022 has now been modified in line with statutory guidance on eligibility for inclusion in the overall data results:

- Nationally children's achievement of a good level of development across reading, writing and maths fell from 65% in 2019 to 59% in 2022.
- This year for the Trust:
 - BFS achieved 71%
 - CTS achieved 60%
 - LHS achieved 59%.
- This means that all 3 schools are at or above national.
- This is a significant improvement at BFS from when they joined the Trust. And positive results, above the national average for the CTS and LHS.

The Trustees asked the CEO to pass on their thanks to the staff for all their hard work to ensure the children were able to receive these results.

The CEO also reported meetings have taken place to ensure the sharing of good practice across the three schools since the start of term.

CEO

14 Trust Plan 2022/23 presentation

Distributed prior to the meeting via Governor Hub and taken as read: Inclusive MAT 5 year plan draft

- Reviewed previously at the Trust day.
- The Trustees were confident that the discussion had been captured from the Trust Day. The governance targets were clear and reflected the CST review. However, they requested Diversity, inclusion and sustainability be more obvious across the plan.

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	The CEO will review the Trust plan in line with the Trustee comments and distribute to governors via Governor Hub.	CEO
15	Distributed prior to the meeting via Governor Hub and taken as read: Risk register September 2022 High risks review There are no high risks at present. A risk was removed from the Education category as the KS2 results are above or inline with the national results. The children are receiving a good education which has been externally verified from a number of sources. The Education committee will continue to monitor and review educational results for children. Trustee's questioned whether energy costs and the impact on budget be in the high risk category now. The Resources Committee was asked to consider as part of a wider review of the risk of the overall rising cost of living on the Trust, staff and families Trustees discussed the food bank at LHS and the support being offered	Education Committee Resources Committee
16	to families from the Salvation Army. Trustee Training and Development	
	 Review Trustee skills and Training plans The clerk explained that Safeguarding is now a statutory training requirement for all Trustees and governors. A review of training and training expectations has been completed. The clerk will send a spreadsheet of courses to be completed via Modern Governor on Governor Hub. Trustees were asked to complete the following as soon as possible: Safeguarding and Child protection Safeguarding and governance Prevent Arrange Trustee monitoring visits Trustees are encouraged to visit all the schools, if they have not already visited. 	Clerk All Trustees
17	Any other Business None requested at the beginning of the meeting	

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Items to be taken to Education Committee, Resources Committee or the	Local Governing Co	mmittees fro	m the meeting		

Meeting ended 9pm

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Appendix A: Matters arising

8. Matters arising from 07.07.22	Outcome/ response/ agenda item
The Trustees approved delegation of authority for completion and submission of the BFR3Y by the 26th July 2022 to ER.	Completed
Confirmation that the COO will return to the Board should there be significant opposition from staff voice - The COO will action	Completed
 To be discussed at the Trustees planning day on the 8th July 3-5-year strategic plans Increased alignment. Link Trustee structure to be agreed Role of the Chair Quality of education across the Trust Appoint a Governance professional Continue to build communication pathways across the Trust – to ensure there are clear lines of communication between all levels of governorship. 	Completed
The Trust plan for next year will be discussed at the Trustee day	Completed
Final pdf versions of the policies will be sent to the clerk to update on Governor Hub, Every and the website	Completed
Terms of reference Community and Standards Committee for formal approval by the Board in September.	Agenda item 9
Trustees were asked to update the clerk and Governor Hub when training is completed.	On-going
The Trustees agreed to delegate authority to the CEO and COO to approve the new energy contract so that a quick response can be given when a reasonable deal is offered.	Completed

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Appendix B: Discussion from Governor Hub ahead of the meeting

9 Policy Review

- Agree cycle of policy review 2022/23
- Terms of reference Education Committee 22-23
- Child Protection and Safeguarding policy

Sanjay comments

- page 7 "Speak to the DSL if they are unsure about how to handle safeguarding matters."
 Should this be extended to say raise any potential concerns if they observe something they are unsure of
- should all board trustees receive Safeguarding training. Probably best if we did and shows that
 we are leading this as a culture from the top down
- does there need to be a section covering what happens if the person/people that have made the safeguarding breach(es) are members of staff or governing bodies. Probably does – the policy doesn't change, but our remedy is probably to move to swift suspension pending investigation

Elizabeth Redman

Thank you James, I'm happy with the additions.

Sharon I have one question - on P8 it refers to the role of the DSL being explicit in their job description. I just wanted to check that the updated job descriptions include this where appropriate? Thank you.

Whistleblowing

Sanjay comments

- Should there be a line or two saying that where a concern has been raised with Line Manager/Department head/Other appropriate person, that person will then need to record the issue (will write it down if the issue is raised verbally) and feed into the process that is outlined in the rest of the document. There is a question of whether this documentation needs to be checked by the whistle-blower to ensure that the issue has been documented/interpreted appropriately
 - Governance Framework

Sanjay comments

Should have a brief section on how the Link Trustee role is envisaged as working

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10 Governance

- Approve annual plan of business for 2022-23
- Ratify committee membership
- Ratify Committee Chairs
- Agree Linked trustees' roles

Sanjay comments

- Confirm that I am happy to take the link role for Facilities
 - Member and Trustee recruitment
 - Review Academy Trust Handbook. COO to outline key changes

Have a look at this:

Academies Trust handbook 2022

Sharon Carlyon

Hello everyone. I hope you've had a great summer.

In preparation for our first Board meeting of the year I've attached the Academy Trust Handbook which has been updated for 2022/23. Academy trusts **must** comply with this handbook as a condition of their funding agreement. It provides an overarching framework for implementation of effective financial management and other controls, consistent with your obligations as publicly funded bodies. Section 8 outlines the 'musts'.

The changes to this edition are:

Financial Reporting: Confirming withdrawal of the Budget Forecast Return Outturn paragraph [2.15].

Special Payments: Clarifying in paragraph [5.12] that prior approval of staff severance payments in accordance with HM Treasury's Guidance on Public Sector Exit Payments applies only to 'special' (non-statutory/non-contractual) payments.

Indemnities: Confirming that trusts will be able to enter into indemnities which are in the **normal course of business** without seeking approval paragraph [5.19].

Religious Character: Extending the scope of paragraph [5.57] from dioceses to all religious authorities, confirming when the 'at cost' requirement is met. Happy reading!

CST governance review

11 Trust Board Chair report

 Ofsted Link to BFS Ofsted report 24.05.22

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K	EY:	Approval	Information	For feedback/questions	Action	
	•	School Resource Ma	nagement Advisor			
12	Resou	urces Committee Cha	ir report (10 minute	s)		
	•	 Overview of committee business Comments and questions from minutes on the 22nd June 2022 Staff pay awards 2022/23 Energy contract update 				
13	Educa	ation Committee Cha	ir report (10 minutes	s)		
	Have a look at this: Education Committee Chairs update 7Jul22.pptx Andrew Chappell That meeting seems such a long time ago now! Have we heard anything from OFSTED about when we might get the final Cherry Tree report? a day ago Elizabeth Leeman Sadly not yet - we have the draft but still not able to share James Roach Hi all, Ofsted has announced that the publication of reports has been paused during the period of mourning. Interestingly though, inspections continue! see more details here:					
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14	Trust	Plan 2022/23 present	ation			
	a ch nun Phy stud	nance to forge a partne nber of outreach things vsics booked and atten dents). ould we be saying "Rec	ership with a Local Ur s for older children (m ded an astronomy or	sity" idea at this early stage. Mayb ni like Hertfordshire. They already y daughter and a bunch of friends ne which allowed them to engage v diverse and Inclusive Trust Board"	have a who like vith PhD	
15	Risk F	Register				
	•	High risks review				
16	Trustee	Training and Develo	ppment			

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	 Review Trustee sk Child Protection at Prevent Arrange Trustee m 			
17	Any other Business			
18	Date of next Meeting See supporting sheet			
19	Items to be taken to Ed Committees from the r	•	sources Committee or the Local	Governing







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Appendix C: TRUSTEE/GOVERNOR RESPONSIBILITY STRUCTURE

ROLES	NOTES	TRUST	BFS	CTS	LHS		
Chairs of Committees							
Chair		Liz Leeman	Lesly Adams	Gemma Williams	Mike Dobner		
Vice Chair		Andrew Chappell	Rama Balachandran	Mark Scoulding	Denise Shaw		
Resources Chair Education Chair		Liz Redman Andrew Chappell	chair, the co	e. In the absen mmittee can ap facilitate the a	opoint a		
	Roles	and Respon	sibilities				
Safeguarding	To include CLA and CP	Liz Jones					
Estates	Including Health and safety / ICT	Sanjay Mazumder					
Grant Funding	Including PPG/SPG/School Recovery	Emma Hill					
People Strategy including staff exit interviews		Claire Edwards					
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (including SEN)		Morgan Bone/ Camilla Castro					
Sustainability		Emma Hill/ Sally Newing					
Finance Leadership Appraisal		Liz Redman Liz Leeman Andrew Chappell Liz Redman					
Trustee/Governor induction Trustee/Governor Training		Go	vernance Profess				
GDPR	<u> </u>		Andrew Ch	appell			

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Appendix D: CST Governance action plan

	Recommended action	Review September 2022	Responsibility
3-5-year	Develop a 3-5-year strategic plan which sets out clear targets for how the Trust will develop, this plan should include future growth, succession planning for the Executive team and GAG/reserves pooling plans.		CEO/COO
strategic plans	It will be important for Trustees to undertake independent research, including wider reading and engaging with governance networks, to enable them to contribute fully to these strategic plans.	Noted	Trustees
Increased alignment	Explore how alignment across the Trust ethos and values can be developed even further, as this will enable yet more collaboration and sharing of best practice.	A number of collaborative community projects have been arranged. Teacher collaboration ongoing. ECT network continues. Admin and site networks instigated. Trust staff contracts to be rolled out. Trust inset Sept 22. IT infrastructure to be set up. Governance network to be instigated.	CEO/COO
Delegation of operational tasks	Review the Scheme of Delegation and policy approval schedule to delegate down to the Executive team, as appropriate, operational decision making and low risk policy approval.	Completed summer 22	coo
Role of the Chair	Chair of the Trust Board to increase her role in leading the development of governance across the Trust and networking with other Trust leaders and a representative from the Regional Delivery Directorate team. This will facilitate collaborative working across the education sector which might support the growth of the Trust.		Chair
Risk register	Consider further development of the risk register so that it meets the recommendations within the <u>DfE risk management guidance</u>	Completed summer 22	COO

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	Reconsider the name and remit of the Community and Standards Committee		
Community and Standards Committee	Rename the Committee to better reflect the purpose, the Education Committee is one possibility.	Renamed Education committee	CEO/Education
Committee	Move the community aspect to a separate stakeholder working group.	For consideration by CEO/Committee	Committee
Quality of education			
across the Trust	Agree reasonable KPIs to monitor the quality of education.	For consideration by CEO/Committee	
	Support the Trust Board to lead on their continued development.	Development plan ICOC	
Appoint a	Work with the Trustees to secure succession planning for the Chair.		
Governance	Regularly update information on GovernorHub.	Completed summer 22	Chair/COO/GP
professional	Add a summary sheet to the front of minutes to summarise actions and key points, this will aid communication across the governance structure.	Completed summer 22	
	Continue to strengthen the Chairs group		Chair/CEOCOO
Continue to build	Trustees to ensure that they know their schools and Local Governors through targeted visits with a strategic focus.		Trustees
communication pathways across	Develop monitoring reports to be used across the schools, which will allow Local Governors to report back to Trustees on the Trust strategic priorities.		GP/COO
the Trust	Encourage local governors, who share the same roles, for example, safeguarding, to build links and share best practice.	On agendas for September	GP/CEO/COO/Chai r
Declaration of business interests	Review the declaration of business interests for Executive leaders, Members, Trustees and Local Governors to ensure that all potential related interests are declared.	Completed summer 22	GP
	Appoint a fifth Member	Completed summer 22	COO







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Effectiveness of Members	Formalise the process for appointing Trustees so Members are assured that all checks have been completed and the candidate has the required skills and knowledge		GP
Wellibers	Adopt the new model Articles of Association	Awaiting further advice from CST. Current advice is to wait ftb	GP





