



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. Authority

- 1.1 The Governance Committee is a Committee of Peterborough Diocese Education Trust's ("PDET") Board of Directors ("the Board") and is authorised to act within its terms of reference or on projects specifically delegated to it by the Board.

2. Membership

- 2.1 At least two Directors of PDET.
- 2.2 Members of Local Governing Bodies co-opted with the express approval of the Board. The number of co-opted members shall not exceed the number of Directors.
- 2.3 The Chair of the Committee will be a Director of PDET and shall have a casting vote.

3. Responsibilities

- To confirm appointments of Foundation Governors to Local Governing Bodies
- To consider applications for Co-options to Local Governing Bodies and to make appointments of suitably skilled candidates
- To maintain an oversight of the membership of each Academy's Local Governing Body, ensuring that it complies with the Scheme of Delegation
- To ensure that a comprehensive range of training is made available to members of Local Governing Bodies and to monitor its uptake
- To commission, where appropriate, reviews of the effectiveness of Local Governing Bodies, taking into account the skill set of members
- To consider proposed changes to an Academy's Admission Policy, prior to consultation and, if these are considered to be of potentially contentious nature, to refer them to the Board
- To determine each Academy's Admission Policy annually
- To review the content of the PDET Governors Handbook
- To seek to resolve any governance issues that may arise with a Local Governing Body

- To receive, consider and respond to representations and requests from the Governors Reference Group
- To report on the business of the Committee to the Board.