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TERMS OF REFERENCE 2024 2025

Resource Management Committee

Composition

Seven named members of the governing body including the Headteacher.

Quorum

Four governors including the Headteacher.

Clerking

Each meeting of the committee must be clerked. The clerk can be the clerk to the governing body, a governor or an employee at the school. The clerk cannot be the Headteacher.

Appointment of Chair and Clerk

The appointment of the Chair of the committee and the Clerk shall be determined by the committee and should be reviewed at the first meeting of the school year.

Minutes

A written record should be kept of the meeting of the committee including details of those present. These Minutes should be submitted to the next full Governing Board meeting through the Clerk to the Governing Board.

Convening Meetings

A meeting shall be held as required, but at least three times per year. Additional meetings may be convened at the request of the Chair, the Headteacher or any two of the members of the committee. Every member of the committee and the Headteacher shall be given at least seven days clear notice of the committee meetings.

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor each year's School Improvement Plan, and its clear links to the annual budget plan.
2. The full governing board must approve the budget each year and is accountable for managing the finances of the school. Governing boards generally scrutinise the budget through a finance committee. This allows governors to retain oversight of the decision-making process and to ensure the head teacher accounts regularly for the school's spending. Governors must assure themselves that the school is securing value for money and acting with financial probity. We strongly recommend that schools recruit one or more governors with sufficient financial skills and experience to undertake effective financial scrutiny.

3. To monitor the budget and make recommendations to the *Governing Board* for any in-year changes to the spending plans.
4. To review the *School Finance Regulations and Procedures* annually and to make recommendations for any changes and additions to the *Governing Board*. The *Local Authority Finance Section* will alert schools to any changes via the *Schools Extranet*.
5. To approve virements between budget heads in excess of any delegation granted to the *Headteacher* under the *Governors' Scheme of Financial Delegation*.
6. To consider and make recommendation to the *Governing Board* concerning any proposal involving on-going rental expenditure not provided for in the *Governors' Scheme of Financial Delegation*. (Any rental agreements and leases should be forwarded to *Eddie Grant* at *DCC* for consideration)
7. To be responsible for contractual arrangements in respect of items approved by the *Governing Board* in accordance with *Council Standing Orders* and *Financial Regulations* including the placing and opening of tenders, obtaining quotes and recommendations to the *Governing Board* concerning acceptance, in accordance with your quotation and tendering limits.
8. To consider proposals involving additional expenditure from other committees and make recommendations to the *Governing Board*.
9. To ensure that the *SFVS* is completed and submitted to the *LA Audit Section* by 31 March each year.
10. To determine with the *Premises Committee* (if established) the arrangements and the scale of charges for the letting of school premises and other remissions.
11. To consider and give advice on any matter involving finance or financial management referred to by the *Governing Board*.
12. To ensure that the principles of *Best Value* are followed when making decisions.

Functions Delegated to the Headteacher

As per the *Governors' Scheme of Financial Delegation*.

Example:

Headteacher to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the budget and subject reporting to the *Resource Committee*:

- a) To make permitted virements within the budget to a maximum of the agreed limit.
- b) To make a purchase up to the value of the agreed quotation limit without obtaining three written quotations, but ensuring that the school obtains best value for money.
- c) To make purchases up to the value of the agreed limit of all invoices per year.

Delegated Functions Overview

The following functions can be delegated to a committee, but cannot be delegated to an individual:

- i) Functions relating to the alteration, discontinuance or change of category of maintained schools.
- ii) Functions relating to the approval of the first formal budget plan of the financial year.
- iii) Functions relating to school discipline policies.
- iv) Functions relating to the exclusions of pupils (except in an emergency when the Chair has the power to exercise these functions).
- v) Functions relating to admissions.

The Governing Board cannot delegate any functions relating to: the constitution of the Governing Board (unless otherwise provided by the Constitution Regulations), the appointment or removal of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the appointment of the Clerk, the suspension of governors, the delegation of functions and the establishment of committees.

These terms of reference for the Resource Management Committee agreed by the Governing Body on 25th September 2024

Name of Governor	Category	Signed
Mrs S Dainty	Headteacher	
Mr C Green	Staff Governor	
Mrs J Wright	Co-opted / Chair	
Mr R Wheatley	Co-opted / Vice Chair	
Mrs K McKinley	Co-opted	
Mr I Bellamy	Co-opted	
Mr S Lee	Parent	

Chair of the Resource Management Committee	Mr Roger Wheatley
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Vice-Chair of the Resource Management Committee	
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Clerk to the Resource Management Committee	Mrs Michelle Wenham
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Quorum	Four sub-committee members (including the Headteacher)
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