ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Christ Be Our Light "Believe, Achieve and Succeed"

Resources committee terms of reference

Autumn 2023



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Joseph McCrossan, Headteacher

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Lia Campos, Chair of Governors 16/10 2023

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Resources committee terms of reference

For maintained school governing boards

The following terms of reference should be adapted to reflect:

- your specific governing board and organisation
- your committee's delegated responsibilities
- constitutional documents (such as your instrument of government)

Name of school:	St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Cambridge
Name of committee:	Resources
Date agreed:	16 October 2023
Review date:	Autumn 2024
Chair of committee:	Mrs Lia Campos
Minute taker:	Mrs Ruth Burrows
Membership:	Jo Wager, Lia Campos, Joe McCrossan (Headteacher), Mrs Sarah Smith, Michael Yelton, Tanatsa Jingura, John Parrott. (All Governors)
Quorum:	At least four governors who are members of the committee.
Meetings:	At least once per term.

The committee has responsibility delegated by the governing board to:

Finance

- 1. review an annual budget, ensuring resources are allocated in line with the school's strategic priorities and curriculum plans
- 2. maintain a realistic three-year financial plan, which takes into account the school's vision, known risks and opportunities
- 3. present an annual budget to the full governing board for approval
- 4. monitor actual income and expenditure at least once a term against the approved budget
- 5. benchmark income and expenditure against that of similar schools, considering comparative performance and opportunities to improve efficiency
- 6. ensure that sufficient funds are allocated for staff pay increments
- 7. report back to each meeting of the full governing board, alerting them to potential problems and significant variations to the approved budget at the earliest opportunity
- 8. monitor spending of pupil premium, PE and sport premium (and other relevant premiums); ensuring that funding is spent effectively and is having the intended impact on pupil outcomes
- 9. review and approve any adjustments to the school's approved budget (subject to the local scheme of delegation)
- approve expenditure and virements of sums over £3000 sums below this amount are delegated to the headteacher who will inform the Resources Committee at the next meeting
- 11. undertake detailed scrutiny and recommend approval of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) and undertake actions identified as part of the SFVS
- 12. ensure local authority financial procedures are complied with
- 13. receive and act upon any issues identified by a local authority audit
- 14. ensure that the school follows basic procurement rules and achieves best value for money when acquiring goods and services
- 15. assess the school's insurance cover to ensure that it provides adequate protection against risks

Staffing

- 16. review the staffing structure of the school annually, ensuring that it meets the requirements the school development plan, the curriculum and is affordable
- 17. consider applications from staff for variation to contract (such as secondments, early retirement, leave of absence, reduced working hours and flexible working requests)
- 18. review staff work-life balance, working conditions and wellbeing, including monitoring staff absence rates
- 19. oversee the operation of the appraisal policy, including making arrangements for the headteacher's performance management
- 20. review pay decision data to ensure that pay increments are awarded fairly
- 21. ensure that staffing procedures (including recruitment procedures) comply with equality legislation and safer recruitment practice
- 22. monitor the provision of staff training and CPD, ensuring sufficient budget is allocated

Premises, health and safety

- 23. ensure that safeguarding policies, procedures and training is effective and complies with the law at all times, having regard to statutory guidance <u>Keeping Children Safe in</u> <u>Education</u>
- 24. ensure appropriate risk assessments are carried out and reviewed on a regular basis, particularly in response to changes in equipment or circumstances
- 25. monitor the completion of actions and recommendations arising from risk assessments
- 26. review the school's accessibility plan
- 27. receive an annual health and safety audit report and monitor any arising actions
- 28. receive a regular report on accident statistics, near misses, incidents of violence or aggression
- 29. ensure that a process is in place to approve educational visits, ensuring that health and safety planning and risk assessments have been undertaken for them
- 30. ensure that inspections of the school site, buildings and equipment take place (annually and at appropriate intervals), and a report is received identifying any issues
- 31. monitor the health and safety training that staff and governors undertake
- 32. review, adopt and monitor all policies delegated by the board

Delegated policies

Policies (that may be delegated to the resources committee to review) include:

- Reserves
- Health and safety
- Charging and remissions
- Data protection
- Governor allowances and expenses
- Policies that relate to premises management

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