



Terms of Reference for Aurora Academies Trust Education Standards and School Performance Committee

Purpose of the Committee:

The purpose of the committee is to support and challenge the executive to ensure the continual improvement of all educational standards and outcomes in all Aurora schools

Constitution of the committee:

The committee is formed as a committee of the board of trustees in accordance with its Articles of Association.

Members of the committee:

The membership of the committee will be:

- A minimum of three Trustees

To be invited as non-voting members:

- Directors of School Improvement

Quorum: Two trustees

Other Trust employees may attend by invitation.

The remit of the committee is to:

- Scrutinise internal and external data to monitor the academic performance of each Aurora school;
- Consider an executive summary of the QA report for each school
- Hold the Directors of School Improvement to account for educational standards across the Trust;
- Ensure the self-evaluation of Aurora schools is robust;
- Receive and consider reports from external advisors regarding Aurora schools, including Ofsted reports;
- Report to the board of trustees regarding academic standards in Aurora schools
- To review those portions of the Trust's risk register which relate to teaching and learning and to provide input on these to the FAHR Committee
- To set the educational goals of the schools in the trust
- Monitor attendance, behaviour, suspension and exclusion data
- To receive and scrutinise Safeguarding reports across the schools
- When appropriate, apply flexibility to timetabling of Safeguarding audits
- To receive and scrutinise reports from the SEND professional network
- To learn as much as we can about local Communities through trustee visits
- To consider feedback from LAB chairs

Operational Functions

- A Chair shall be elected at the first committee meeting of each academic year.
- Meetings shall be held four times per year.
- The quorum for meetings shall be two trustees.
- The committee shall appoint a clerk who shall prepare an agenda and minutes for each meeting.
- Minutes of the meeting shall be made publicly available, excluding any confidential items.

Papers for the committee

The Directors of School Improvement shall provide appropriate papers to the committee one week before each meeting in a format to be agreed by the committee. These papers should include the following data for each school:

- Baseline assessments
- Internal performance metrics
- Pupil exclusions
- Pupil attendance
- Progress against targets in School Improvement Plans.

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