

Tees Valley Education Trust

Standards Committee

Terms of reference

September 2023/24

Membership

- Trustee appointed as chair annually by trust board
- Trustees (min two in addition to chair)

In attendance:

- Director of Trust Improvement and Standards
- Headteachers and academy senior leaders

Working arrangements

- Meets termly, three times a year
- Meetings calendared annually to align with challenge board and in-year and year end data reports.
- Meetings clerked by TB governance professional
- CEO/DTIS and SC chair agrees agenda
- CB and DTIS reports standing items.

Roles and responsibilities

- Agree the committee's annual work programme and forward plan.
- Review of in-year performance against trust KPIs and supporting data.
- Review of challenge board reports and recommendations.
- Review of strategic, regional and national implications for TVED.
- Review of trust-wide emerging performance and improvement issues.
- Review impact of early intervention actions in individual academies and trust wide.
- Review CEO proposals for trust wide CPD, staffing and staffing structures in response to identified performance issues, making recommendations to trust board as appropriate.
- Review of outreach projects and capacity, and quality assurance measures.
- Review of external reviews (Ofsted et al) with recommendations to TB as appropriate.
- Consideration of trust wide finance implications and priorities to address performance issues.
- Consideration of future strategic developments (eg: free school applications, schools joining TVED, outreach activities) to make recommendations to TB.

- Monitoring of trust improvement plan proposals to be considered by TB
- Review of in-year performance against the trust's risk register with recommendations to the trust board by exception for further risk mitigation and revisions to annual risk register
- Approve establishment of academy IMB and CB recommendations for removal of IMB

Reporting arrangements

- All trustees, headteachers and senior TVED staff receive SC minutes.
- SC members receive CB minutes and RAG rated KPI reports on individual academy performance
- SC members receive strategic trust level data to support in-year and year end performance in individual academies and trust wide.
- Receives CB and director's reports on trust-wide implications and implications of national/regional/local policy development and priorities.
- SC approves items to be considered by TB in view of trust wide strategic implications and therefore makes recommendations about TVED performance priorities
- SC reviews trust corporate risk register as standing item to consider evidence of impact of risk mitigation actions, take decisions about further actions within SC delegations and make recommendations to ARF/TB as appropriate.
- SC minutes circulated to all trustees, CEO, directors, headteachers and senior trust officers.