

Shires MAT Scheme of Delegation

Approved by the Trustees (Trust Board) on January 2026

Next scheduled review: July 2026



This scheme of Delegation outlines the delegated responsibilities between each layer of governance and aligns with the Trust's Articles of Association, Terms of Reference, and relevant government guidance for academy trusts. The Scheme does not contain details of every decision/responsibility for every aspect that will be delegated. Its content is supplemented by the Trust's strategic plans, policies and procedures and any direction given or rules and directions agreed or issued by the Members or the Board of Trustees. The written scheme of delegation of financial powers referred to in the ATH is found in the Finance Policy. In the event that there is uncertainty as to which tier of governance has responsibility for a particular matter, guidance should be sought from the CoT.

ARC Key

- A** **Accountable and Approver** - Answerable for the task being delivered. Delegates the task to those responsible. There should only be one group/person accountable for each task/decision.
- R** **Responsible for the delivery/Recommender** - Does the work to achieve the task. Can be shared between Responsible groups/individuals.
- C** **Consulted** - Needs to be involved before the decision is made. Two way communication - these are important stakeholders or have relevant specialist knowledge.

A	Board Business	Members	Trust Board	BF Cee	AR Cee	CEO	CFO	COO	LGCs	Heads
	Matters reserved for the Members		*A, R							
1	To change the names of the Academy Trust	*A, R	C							
2	To change the Objects (which would require Charity Commission and Secretary of State consent)	*A, R	C							
3	To pass a resolution to wind up the Academy Trust	*A, R	P							
4	To change the structure of the Trust Board	*A, R	C							
5	To appoint/reappoint/remove Member Appointed Trustees	*A, R	A							
6	To appoint/reappoint/remove Trustees Co-opted by the Trust Board		*A, R							
7	Articles of Association: approve changes, and amend by special resolution	*A, R								
	Matters reserved for the Trust Board		*A, R							
8	Articles of Association: review and make recommendations to MAT Members, subject to approval of the Charity Commission if it represent a regulated alteration.		*A, R							
9	Elect chair of trustees		*A, R							
10	Appoint board committee chairs		*A, R	A, R	A, R					
11	Remove board committee chairs		*A, R							
12	Establish and review trust governance structure		*A, R			C				
13	Agree named safeguarding trustee		*A, R							
14	Agree named SEND trustee lead		*A, R							
15	Agree named careers trustee lead		*A, R							
16	Appoint trust governance professional/clerk to Trust Board		*A			R				
17	Agree committee terms of reference		*A, R			C			C	C
18	Appoint TB-appointed local governance committee members		*A, R						C	
19	Appoint LGC co-opted governance committee members with consent of CoT/VCoT		*A, R						*A, R	
20	Appoint local governance committee members: parent/staff following election		*A, R						*A, R	
21	Remove local governance committee members		A, R							
22	Appoint local governance committee chairs		*A, R						A, R	C
23	Agree academy committee clerking arrangements		*A, R			C			C	C

54	Agree admissions policy: substantive changes including PAN, age ranges		*A			R			C	C
55	Agree admissions policy: no changes		*A, R						A	R
56	Determine complaints policy/procedure		*A, R			C			C	
57	Implement complaints procedures		*A, R			R			R	R
58	Issue exclusion/suspension, consulting with CEO where permanent) and informing all relevant parties		*A, R			C (perm)				A, R
59	Review of decision of HT's decision to permanently exclude a pupil through an adhoc Cee of 3 impartial LGC members. Trustees/LGC members from another LGC can be used.		*A, R						A, R	
60	Review of suspension decision as required in the DfE guidelines through an adhoc Cee of 3 impartial LGC members. Trustees/LGC members from another LGC can be used.		*A, R						A, R	
61	Issue an off-site direction or arrange for a managed move.		*A, R							A, R
D	Community	Members	Trust Board	BF Cee	AR Cee	CEO	CFO	COO	LGCs	Heads
62	Developing stakeholder partnerships across the trust		A			R			C	C
63	Developing stakeholder partnerships at school level		*A, R			C			A	R
E	Finance and Estate	Members	Trust Board	BF Cee	AR Cee	CEO	CFO	COO	LGCs	Heads
64	Appoint and remove external auditors following Trust Board resolution: recommendation to be made by AR Cee	*A, R	R		R					
65	Appoint Chief Financial Officer		*A			R				
66	Produce trust's scheme of financial delegation		*A				R			
67	To comply with the Trust Financial Scheme of Delegation		A, R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
68	Open Trust Bank Account		A				R			
69	Changing or Adding individuals as signatories to the bank account		A				R			
70	Receive external auditors report	*A, R	E		R					
71	Action recommendations made by external auditors		*A			R	R			R
72	To set and review the internal scrutiny programme		*A, R		A, R					
73	To implement the internal audit programme		*A, R			C	A, R	C		
74	Produce annual report and accounts in line with the Charity Commission's Statement of Recommended Practice		*A		R	R	R			
75	Submit ESFA required reports and returns		*A			C	R			
76	Agree budget plan to support delivery of trust strategic priorities		*A			C	R			
77	Agree budget plan to support delivery of school strategic priorities		*A			R	R		C	C
78	Monitor trust budget		*A, R	*A		R	R			
79	Carry out benchmarking and trust-wide value for money evaluation		C	A		C	R			
80	Agree reporting and monitoring arrangements for trust and school budgets		*A			R	R			C
81	Approve trust-wide estate vision, strategy and asset management plan		*A, R		*A	R		R		

