



TERMS OF REFERENCE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1.1. The Creative Learning Partnership Trust Board of Trustees has resolved to establish a Standards Committee to advise the Board on matters relating to the Trust school's performance in teaching and learning outcomes.

1.2. The Standards Committee is responsible to the Trust Board.

1.3. The Committee's Terms of Reference are agreed and adopted by the Board and can only be amended with the approval of the Board.

Membership

2.1 The Committee will consist of a minimum of 3 Trustees who will be appointed by the Board, with the exception of the CEO.

2.2 The members of the Committee shall hold office from the date of their appointment until resignation or omission from membership on subsequent consideration by the Board. The Board to review Committee membership on an annual basis at the start of the academic year.

2.3 The Committee will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair.

2.4 Any other members of staff or external professionals will be invited to attend the relevant meetings as required. Trustees who are not members of the Standards Committee have the right of attendance.

Meetings

3.1 The Committee will meet at least two times per academic year. The Committee also has the power to meet on an ad-hoc basis at the request of one if its members or the Trust Board.

3.2 Agendas will be agreed in advance by the Chair of the committee and will be circulated to Trustees and attendees at least 7 working days in advance of the meeting.

3.3 The quorum shall be 2 Trustees.

3.4 The administration of meetings will be managed by the Governance professional to the Trustees.

3.5 In addition to voting in person at a meeting Trustees are able to vote on matters via e-mail to the Governance Professional to the Trustees (ahead of the meeting) or via video / telephone conferencing during the meeting.

3.5 The committee shall have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties of scrutiny and to ensure transparency.

3.6 Review its constitution and terms of reference to ensure it's operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend changes considered necessary to the Full Board.

Authority

4.1 The Committee will report to the Board on any decision taken in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

4.2 The Committee is authorised to investigate any activity within its term of reference or specifically delegated to it by the Board.

4.3 The Committee is authorised to obtain any legal and professional advice it considers necessary, normally in consultation with the Chair of the Trust Board.

Main Duties

- To regularly monitor the following:
 - Data on attainment and achievement for all of the Trust's schools
 - School improvement work and leadership
 - Overall performance of the schools
 - Leadership standards
 - Governance effectiveness

- To monitor and review the achievement of strategic objectives, in particular the overview of performance against quantitative and qualitative benchmarks for key indicators/outcomes and the Ofsted framework, providing challenge and recommending remedial actions where required, in line with the School Improvement Plans.

- To review outcomes, identifying significant changes in performance and emerging trends.

The Board of Trustees will annually review the establishment and terms of reference of this meeting.

Agreed by the Board of Trustees – Autumn Term 2024

Next Review Date: Autumn Term 2025