



NEWHAM COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS TRUST

NCST - SoD - ToR - Growth and Governance Committee

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Applies to: NCST

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1. Terms of Reference - Newham Community Schools Trust - Growth and Governance Committee

1.1. Introduction

The Trustees have the power to establish any committee to assist in the conduct of the business of the Trust. If a committee is to have decision making authority, the committee board must comprise a majority of Trustees, enabling a quorate decision to be made. Where committees consist of four trustees, and three are present at a meeting, this will enable quorate decision making.

Details of the committees established by the Trust are noted in the Trust's Structure Diagram which forms part of this Scheme of Delegation suite of documents.

The Trust Board has established this committee pursuant to Article 100 (b) in the Trust's Articles of Association.

1.2. Membership and clerking

Members of the committee will be NCST trustees, from whom a Chair will be appointed. Guests may attend as invited, but will not participate in decision making.

The meetings of the committee will take place as and when required, depending on the nature of the Trust's current and planned growth projects. The committee will meet a minimum of three times per year. All meetings shall be minuted by an external clerk, in accordance with the Trust's governance support arrangements.

1.3. Delegated decision making - governance

The following functions may be delegated to any committee dealing with growth and governance.

- Recommend to the Trust Board any changes to the Trust's scheme of delegation suite of documents (with Trust Board approval required to approve any suggested changes);
- Approval of appointment of Governance Professional and Clerk to the Trust Board

1.4. Delegated decision making - growth

The following functions may be delegated to any committee dealing with growth and governance.

- Recommend to the Trust Board the addition of any schools to the Trust;
- Recommend any expansion or change of age range;
- Recommend any acquisition of another Trust by NCST;
- Recommend any merger with another Trust.