



## TRUSTEE ROLE DESCRIPTION

## **Our Ethos**

We believe in consistency in terms of high expectations and impact for all, without conformity in approach. All our schools are unique and are led by Headteachers and Local Governing Bodies.

## **Principle Responsibilities**

- To ensure the Trust complies with governing documents, The Academy Trust Handbook and charity law
- To have overall responsibility for all the work of the Trust
- To set the strategic direction, vision and ethos of The Cornovii Trust and maintain legal oversight, while at the same time acknowledging the uniqueness of each school
- To change the constitution of a Local Governing Body (only if required)
- To agree the scheme of delegation and review this regularly
- To avoid duplication within the layers of governance
- To apply to the Members to change the governing documents of the Trust
- To appoint Internal Auditors
- To recommend the appointment of external auditors to Members
- To develop systems for financial compliance and robustness across the Trust
- To provide challenge and support to the Chief Executive Officer and, through them, to the schools
- To support all schools within the Trust in securing the highest possible standards and achieve the best outcomes for pupils and staff
- To support and monitor the growth of the Trust and ensure that any growth decisions are made in the best interests of the Trust and its existing schools.
- To co-opt persons on to a Local Governing Body and/or the Trust Board if required
- Pay and Performance Management of the Trust's Executive Management Team in partnership with the LGBs
- To appoint the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer
- To establish and monitor effective strategic risk management
- To support LGBs in the appointment of Head teachers
- To approve the Trust's consolidated budget plan
- To approve the Trust's Annual Report and Accounts
- To form an Independent Admissions Appeal Panel (if and when required)





• To implement and monitor all Trust policies and funding agreements

Knowledge, Skills and Experience	
$\triangleright$	Financial management, business and commercial
$\checkmark$	Public sector, in particular pertaining to education policy and framework
$\checkmark$	Community engagement and cohesion
$\checkmark$	National/local government and statutory regulatory bodies
$\triangleright$	Digital and IT strategy
$\checkmark$	People management
$\checkmark$	Environment and corporate social responsibility
$\triangleright$	Collaborative partnerships
$\triangleright$	Governance including information governance
$\triangleright$	Multi-site operations and business infrastructure

## Trustees are reminded of the importance of confidentiality before, during and after meetings