

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement. The board of trustees has formally met 6 times during the period. Attendance during the period at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Roger Periam	2	6
Ian Griffiths	6	6
Hilary Craik	5	6
Philip Blinston	6	6
Angela Pae	5	6
Claire Meese	6	6
David Jonathan Taylor	4	6
Diane Ward	3	6
Chris Moodie	1	1

A Director with expertise in primary education was appointed at the start of the year giving the Board a well balanced set of skills across its members during 2015-2016. At the end of the year a Director with expertise in secondary education resigned and although other Directors do have expertise in this area the Board is looking for someone with suitable skills to replace him. The newly appointed CEO has joined the Board as an ex-officio member while the previously acting CEO remains on the Board in her capacity as Diocesan Director of Education. No evaluation of performance of the Board of Directors has been deemed necessary.

Work on establishing effective governance arrangements at local board level is ongoing in line with the MAT's scheme of delegation. A framework for termly agendas is now in place. Key link governor roles are defined along with protocols for governor visits.

The finance committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is to propose the annual budget, to act as audit committee, to act as pay committee, to review actual performance throughout the year in financial matters, review the effectiveness of financial internal controls through the Internal Auditor's reporting systems, advise the trustees on the appropriateness, or otherwise, of spending requests outside the delegated powers given to them and monitor and keep under review the needs and requirements of the MAT in relation to competitive tendering.

Attendance at meetings in the period was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
R Periam	5	6
H Craik	5	6
I Griffiths	6	6
C Meese	6	6
C Moodie	0	0