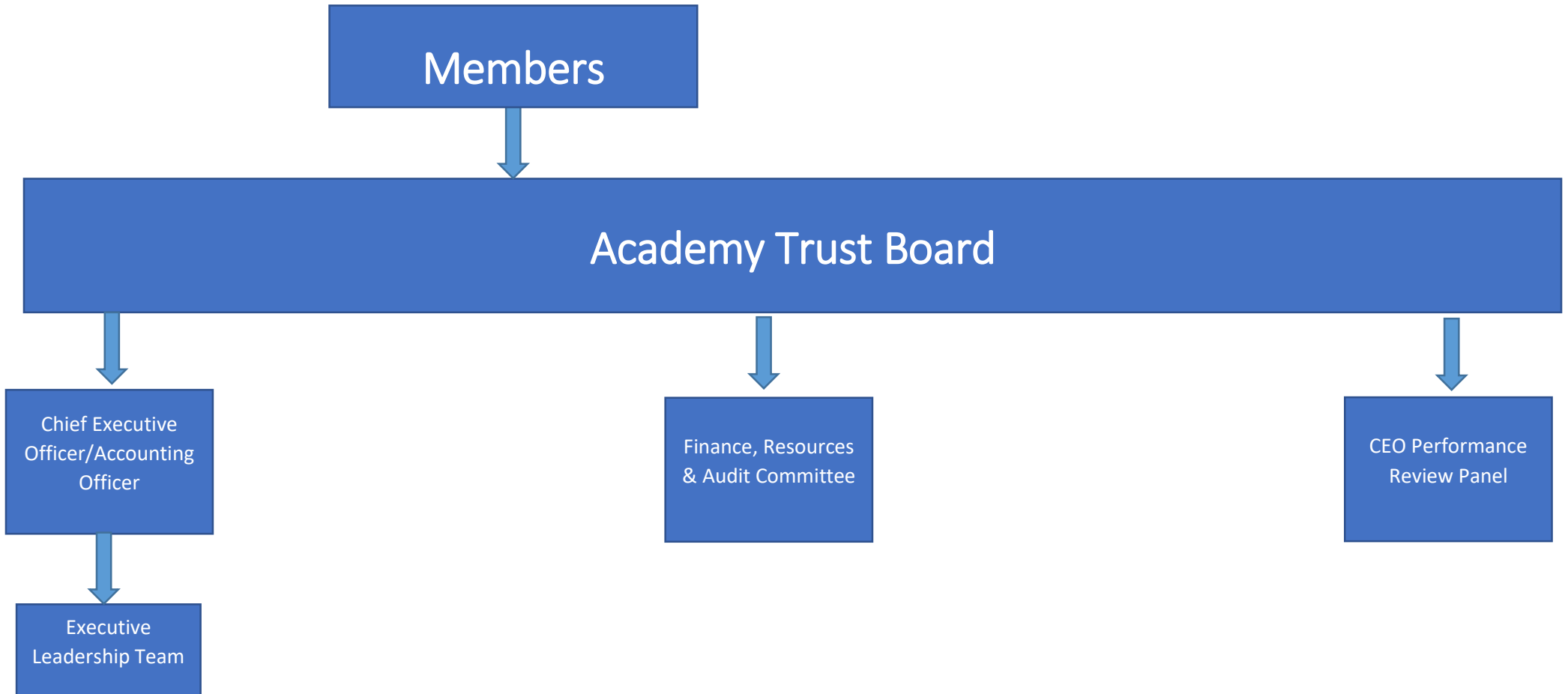


RAEDWALD TRUST
REVISED SCHEME OF DELEGATION JULY 2024



- The board of trustees is responsible for the three core governance functions.
- The board of trustees appoint the chief executive (CEO), to whom it delegates responsibility for delivery of its vision and strategy, and will hold the CEO to account for the conduct and performance of the trust, including the performance of the academies within the trust, and for its financial management.
- In turn, the CEO line manages other senior executives and the Trust headteachers, setting their targets and performance managing them.
- The board delegates some of its school level monitoring and scrutinising functions to the sub Committee for Finance, Resources & Audit, and uses these to promote stakeholder engagement and as a point of consultation and representation. Trustees can link to the sub Committee and local academy sites.
- As the headteacher is being line managed by the CEO, the Trust must be confident that the trust's performance management systems are working well, and if not, how they can make the trust aware of their concerns.

Roles and responsibilities

The role of the members

The members of the trust are guardians of the governance of the trust and as such have a different status from trustees. Originally, they will have been the signatories to the memorandum of association and will have agreed the trust's first articles of association (the legal document which outlines the governance structure and how the trust will operate). The articles of association describe how members are recruited and replaced, and how many of the trustees the members can appoint to the trust board. The members appoint trustees to ensure that the trust's charitable object is carried out and so must be able to remove trustees if they fail to fulfil this responsibility. Accordingly, the trust board submits an annual report on the performance of the trust to the members. Members are also responsible for approving any amendments made to the trust's articles of association.

There must be at least three members, although the DfE prefer at least five, and while members are permitted to be appointed as trustees, in order to retain a degree of separation of powers between the members and the trust board, and in line with DfE expectations, not all members should be trustees. Members are not permitted to be employees of the academy trust. The members for Raedwald Trust are highlighted on the Trust website. Currently there are 5 members.

The role of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the trust, and in accordance with the provisions set out in the memorandum and articles of association and its funding agreement, it is legally responsible and accountable for all statutory functions, for the performance of all schools within the trust, and must approve a written scheme of delegation of financial powers that maintains robust internal control arrangements. In addition, it must carry out these core governance functions:

1. Strategic leadership of the Trust – the board defines the trust vision for high quality and inclusive education in line with its charitable objects
2. Accountability and assurance – the board has robust effective oversight of the operations and performance of the academy trust including:
3. Engagement: the Board has strategic oversight of relationships with stakeholders

The board of trustees has the right to review and adapt its governance structure at any time which includes removing delegation. The names of the Trustees of Raedwald Trust are highlighted on the website.

The role of trust board committees

Please note that currently the Raedwald Trust has a small number of committees, and these will be reviewed annually.

The current model is to ensure clear oversight of performance of the individual academy sites and that the trust is financially viable and sustainable.

The role of the chief executive officer (CEO)

The CEO has the delegated responsibility for the operation of the trust including the performance of the trust's academies and so the CEO performance manages the academy headteachers.

The CEO is the accounting officer so has overall responsibility for the operation of the academy trust's financial responsibilities and must ensure that the organisation is run with financial effectiveness and stability; avoiding waste and securing value for money.

The CEO leads the executive management team of the academy trust. The CEO will delegate executive management functions to the executive management team and is accountable to the trust board for the performance of the executive management team.

Key

Column 1: Members

Column 2: Board of trustees of the multi academy trust

Column 3: Finance, Resources & Audit Committee

Column 4: Chief Executive Officer

Blue box Function **cannot** be legally carried out at this level.

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A Provide advice and support to those accountable for decision making

<> Direction of advice and support

	Decision	Members	Trust Board	TB FRA Committee	CEO
		People	Members: Appoint/Remove	✓	
Trustees: Appoint/Remove	✓				
Role descriptions for members	✓				
Role descriptions for trustees/chair/ specific roles/committee: agree			✓		<A
Parent trustee/committee/council member: elected			✓		
Board committee chairs: appoint and remove			✓	✓	<A
Clerk to board: appoint and remove			✓		
Systems and structures	Articles of association: review and agree	✓	<A		<A
	Governance structure (committees) for the trust: establish and review annually		✓		<A
	Terms of reference for board committees and scheme of delegation: agree annually		✓		<A
	Skills audit: complete and recruit to fill gaps		✓		<A
Systems and structures	Annual self review of trust board and committees: complete annually		✓		
	Trustee contribution: review annually		✓		
	Succession: plan		✓		<A
	Annual schedule of business: agree		✓	✓	<A

Reporting	Publication on trust and schools' websites of all required details on governance arrangements: ensure		✓	✓	<A
	Annual report and accounts including accounting policies, signed statement on regularity, propriety and compliance, incorporating governance statement demonstrating value for money: submit		✓	<A	<A
Being Strategic	Determine trust wide policies which reflect the trust's ethos and values (facilitating discussions with unions where appropriate) including: admissions; charging and remissions; complaints; expenses; health and safety, premises management; data protection and FOI; staffing policies including capability, discipline, conduct and grievance: approve		✓	✓	<A
	Determine school level policies which reflect the school's ethos and values to include e.g. admissions; SEND; safeguarding and child protection; curriculum; behaviour: approve				A>
	Cost Sharing: agree		✓	<A	<A
	Management of risk: establish register, review and monitor		✓	<A	<A>
	Engagement with stakeholders		✓	✓	✓
	Trust's vision and strategy, agreeing key priorities and key performance indicators (KPIs) against which progress towards achieving the vision can be measured: determine		✓		<A
	Schools vision and strategy, agreeing key priorities and key performance indicators (KPIs) against which progress towards achieving the vision can be measured: determine				✓

Being Strategic	Chief executive officer: appoint and dismiss		✓		
	Academy headteacher : appoint and dismiss		✓		<A
	Budget plan to support delivery of trust key priorities: agree		✓	<A	<A
	Budget plan to support delivery of school key priorities: agree		✓	<A	<A
	Trust's staffing structure: agree (*TUPE process to be ratified at the next board meeting)		*✓	<A	<A
	School staffing structure: agree				*✓
Holding to account	Auditing and reporting arrangements for matters of compliance (e.g. safeguarding, H&S, employment): agree (*TUPE process to be ratified at the next board meeting)		*✓	✓	<A
	Reporting arrangements for progress on key priorities: agree		✓	<A	✓
	Performance management of the Chief Executive Officer: undertake		✓		
	Performance management of academy principal : undertake				✓

	Trustee monitoring: agree arrangements		✓		<A
Ensuring financial probity	Chief financial officer for delivery of trusts detailed accounting processes: appoint		✓	<A	<A
	Trust's scheme of financial delegation: establish and review		✓	✓	<A
	Appoint External auditors	✓			
	External auditors' report: receive and respond		✓	<A	<A
	CEO pay award: agree		✓		
	Academy principal pay award: agree		✓	<A>	<A
	Staff appraisal procedure and pay progression: review and agree		✓		A>
	Benchmarking and trust wide value for money: ensure robustness			✓	
	Benchmarking and academy value for money: ensure robustness				✓
	Develop trust wide procurement strategies and efficiency savings programme				✓
	Review and approve trust wide procurement strategies and efficiency savings programme			✓	