



# Academy Govern@nce

## 24/7 governance support

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### **Good governance:**

The transition from a system of maintained schools under the auspices of Local Authorities to a landscape comprising of charitable companies of various sizes continues to present significant challenges for those charged with implementing good governance in academies. We know from experience that fixed cost early access to legal support is an effective way of managing governance risks.

Eversheds has created a unique service for Business Managers, Clerks, Company Secretaries, Directors and Members of single academies, multi academy trusts, free schools, studio schools and UTCs as well as those that sponsor them.

### **Academy Govern@nce benefits include:**

#### **Governance helpline**

The helpline gives 24 hour access via phone or e-mail to our team of governance experts. It covers any query in relation to:

- the memorandum and articles of association
- funding agreement
- the Academies Financial Handbook
- Governors' Handbook
- charity law
- schemes of delegation
- roles of directors and members
- statutory registers and Companies House returns
- relationships between sponsors and academy trusts
- conduct of board and general meetings
- boardroom disputes
- collaboration arrangements

A summary of the most interesting and popular helpline question asked will be published each month with a detailed response.

#### **Annotated copy of the memorandum and articles of association and funding agreement**

Via text incorporated into the DfE model document our commentary sets out the key themes and some of the challenges academies face with governance.

#### **Briefings**

Subscribers receive a variety of briefings on issues relevant to academy governance including an overview of the funding agreement, a note on the powers and responsibilities of directors, members and charitable trustees.

#### **Model policies**

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- whistleblowing
- anti-bribery and corruption
- conflicts of interest
- code of conduct

#### **Extranet access**

All documents will be available to subscribers via a dedicated extranet site. The site also enables you to e-mail queries direct and access useful links.

#### **Document vault access**

We provide free of charge secure on line storage of electronic copies of your key documents, e.g. memorandum and articles, funding agreement[s], lease[s], commercial transfer agreement[s] and deeds of variation. We will add documents as and when you notify us of a change allowing you to access different iterations on line at any time via a secure link.

#### **Companies House Compliance Service (Optional)**

The service includes:

- maintaining the academy company's statutory registers
- preparing and filing annual returns at Companies House
- preparation of minutes of board meetings to deal with appointment or resignation of directors and other routine business such as the appointment of new auditors, the establishment of a new registered office and any change of accounting reference date
- preparing and filling forms at Companies House in respect of the above
- issuing reminders of account filing deadlines

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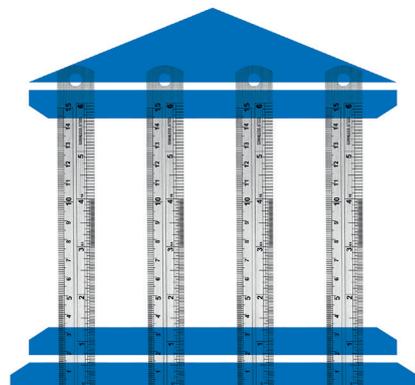
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