

Chair of committee:	David Betteley
Quorum:	Minimum 3 Trustees – appointed by Trust Board
Meetings:	Every term, minimum 3 annually

School Purpose:

Abbey View provides students, who are at risk of failure and marginalisation within mainstream schooling, with opportunities to re-engage and find purpose in their education and lives. Our purpose is to:

- Support our students.
- Fulfil their potential
- Delivering a future of possibilities

Working closely with partner schools and with parents, Abbey View provides its students with a chance to reflect and reform, within a happy, safe and supportive environment, which promotes sound emotional well-being and safe lifestyles.

Through our work we aim to:

- Provide an aspirational, secure and nurturing environment built on mutual respect
- Develop students' academic, social and emotional skills
- To offer the maximum opportunities post 16 by providing meaningful qualifications including GCSEs.
- Work in partnership with parents, other professionals and the wider community to achieve the best outcomes for all students
- Develop a highly skilled and effective staff team, who provide the best opportunities for all students

Understand that all behaviour is a form of communication and to support students to regulate their own behaviour and make positive choices.

Terms of Reference:

The ARC is a primary working committee of the Trust Board. Along with all the relevant parties* the ARC exists to fulfil the mission, which is embodied in the Mission statement, SDP, Risk management plan, School policies and budgets.

The primary functions of the ARC are:

- Review, determine and recommend to the Trust Board the Schools annual budget
- Review and monitor the remuneration and performance management policy for all the school staff, including the SLT and Principal, with input from other relevant parties as required.
- Oversee the management and operation of the school finances, including monitoring the actual income and expenditure, overseeing the monitoring of the school's internal financial controls and compliance with the relevant policies for which it has designated responsibility.
- To ensure that the school operates in accordance with the terms of its Funding Agreement and the Academies Financial handbook.
- To highlight, monitor and advise on potential risk factors, including Health and Safety at the School in addition to safeguarding
- To monitor and advise on the maintenance and development of the school's infrastructure (including its estate) and including the funding of capital projects.
- Review the annual financial reports and statutory accounts and to recommend these to the FGB for approval
- Operate the Schools audit committee in line with the ToR set out in appendix 1.

**SLT, school staff, Trust Board*

Appendix 1 Audit Committee sub-Terms of Reference

Responsibilities

- To maintain an oversight of the school's financial governance, risk management and internal control systems
- To report its findings, where relevant, termly and annually to the Trust Board and the Accounting Officer as a critical element of the school's annual reporting requirements

Authority

- The Audit Committee is a Committee of the Trust Board and is authorised to investigate any activity within its TOR or specifically delegated by the Trust Board.

Reporting

The Audit committee, as part of the Resources Committee, will

- report back to the Trust Board regularly
- Provide an annual summary report detailing key findings, recommendations and conclusions

Terms of Reference

The Audit Committee will:

- Contribute to the School risk register and conduct a regular review of risks

- Take delegated responsibility on behalf of the Trust Board for examining and reviewing all systems of control, both financial and otherwise including risk analysis and risk management
- Agree an annual programme of internal scrutiny with the school's internal scrutiny reviewer for checking financial systems, controls, transactions and risks in line with the requirements of the Academies Financial handbook
- Advise the Trust Board on the appointment, re-appointment, dismissal and remuneration of the external auditors and the internal scrutiny reviewer
- Monitor the effectiveness of the external auditors and the internal scrutiny reviewer
- Review the findings of the external auditors and agree any action plan arising from it
- Consider the reports of the external auditors and internal security reviewer and, when appropriate, advise the Trust Board of any material control issues