



## **The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust Governance and Management Arrangements**

1. The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust (TDLPT) is a multi-academy trust (MAT) with 5 primary schools.
2. The governance arrangements are determined by the Articles of Association. These are based on a model set of articles from the Department for Education (DfE) modified where required to reflect that TDLPT is a MAT with Local Governing Bodies (LGB).
3. The Articles allow up to 5 members. The members appoint and can dismiss the trustees (known as Directors). The Articles do not require any specific arrangements for governance structure other than two parent members of each LGB. The Directors can co-opt additional trustees.
4. The Directors have determined the governance arrangements as follows:
  - a. All committees including LGBs are sub-committees of the Board of Directors (Board)
  - b. All members of all committees including the Chairman are appointed and can be removed by the Board. The Board will normally make all such appointments on the recommendation of the LGB.
  - c. The Board has established and will from time to time revise the Terms of Reference for each of the committees including the LGBs. In aggregate these specify the matters reserved by the Board and the matters delegated to the committees.
5. DLPT is funded directly by the DfE through the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and the funds are distributed to the schools by TDLPT. These funds reflect the level of funding of Local Authority maintained schools in the same Local Authority.
6. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO); also known for this purpose as the Accounting Officer, is directly responsible to Parliament for the proper expenditure of funds provided by the EFA.
7. The Board delegates responsibility for the operation of TDLPT to the CEO.