

CONSTITUTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AT BEAMONT COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

Members of the Local Governing Body (extract below taken from TCAT Scheme of Delegation)

Section 3

Constitution of the Local Governing Body

3.1 Guidance for the constitution of each Local Governing Body

3.1.1 The optimum number of people who shall sit on the Local Governing Body shall be not less than five and not more than 15.

3.1.2 Where possible, the Local Governing Body shall have the following members:

- 3.1.2.1 up to 6 members, appointed under clause 3.2.1;
- 3.1.2.2 no less than one staff member, appointed under clause 3.2.2;
- 3.1.2.3 no less than two parent members elected or appointed under clause 3.2.5
- 3.1.2.4 no less than one community member elected or appointed under clause 3.2.12;
- 3.1.2.5 the Principal

3.1.3 The Trustees shall also be entitled to serve on the Local Governing Body and attend any meetings of the Local Governing Body. Any Trustee attending a meeting of the Local Governing Body shall count towards the quorum for the purposes of the meeting and shall be entitled to vote on any resolution being considered by the Local Governing Body.

3.2 Appointment of Members of the Local Governing Body

3.2.1 The Local Governing Body may appoint persons to serve on the Local Governing Body (as outlined in 3.1), having regard to any recommendations and views of the Trustees in relation to ensuring that the people serving on the Local Governing Body between them have an appropriate range of skills and experience and due attention is given to succession planning.

3.2.2 The Local Governing Body may appoint persons who are employed at the Academy to serve on the Local Governing Body through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of such persons (including the Principal) does not exceed one third of the total number of persons on the Local Governing Body. The positions held by those employed at the Academy (e.g. teaching and non teaching) may be taken into account when considering appointments.

3.2.3 Unless the Trustees agree otherwise, in appointing persons to serve on the Local Governing Body who are employed at the Academy the Local Governing Body shall invite nominations from all staff employed under a contract of employment or a contract for services or otherwise engaged to provide services to the Academy (excluding the Principal) and, where there are any contested posts, shall hold an election by a secret ballot. All arrangements for the calling and the conduct of the election and resolution of questions as to whether any person is an eligible candidate shall be determined by the Local Governing Body.

3.2.4 The Principal shall be treated for all purposes as being an ex officio member of the Local Governing Body.

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- 3.2.5 Subject to clause 3.2.9, the parent members of the Local Governing Body shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy and he/she or she must be a parent of a pupil at the Academy at the time when he/she or she is elected.
- 3.2.6 The Local Governing Body shall make all necessary arrangements for, and determine all other matters relating to, an election of the parent members of the Local Governing Body, including any question of whether a person is a parent of a registered pupil at the Academy. Any election of persons who are to be the parent members of the Local Governing Body which is contested shall be held by secret ballot.
- 3.2.7 The arrangements made for the election of the parent members of the Local Governing Body shall provide for every person who is entitled to vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so by post or, if he/she prefers, by having his/her ballot paper returned to the Academy by a registered pupil at the Academy.
- 3.2.8 Where a vacancy for a parent member of the Local Governing Body is required to be filled by election, the Local Governing Body shall take such steps as are reasonably practical to secure that every person who is known to them to be a parent of a registered pupil at the Academy is informed of the vacancy and that it is required to be filled by election, informed that he/she is entitled to stand as a candidate, and vote at the election, and given an opportunity to do so.
- 3.2.9 The number of parent members of the Local Governing Body required shall be made up by persons appointed by the Local Governing Body if the number of parents standing for election is less than the number of vacancies.
- 3.2.10 In appointing a person to be a parent member of the Local Governing Body pursuant to clause 3.2.9, the Local Governing Body shall appoint a person who is the parent of a registered pupil at the Academy; or where it is not reasonably practical to do so, a person who is the parent of a child of compulsory school age.
- 3.2.11 The Local Governing Body (after consulting the Trustees) may appoint persons to be a Community Governor provided that the person who is appointed as a Community Governor is:
- (a) a person who lives or works in the community served by the Academy; or
 - (b) a person who, in the opinion of the Local Governing Body, is committed to the government and success of the respective Academy.

Local Governing Body members

Governor name	Type of governor	Pen portrait
Mr Stephen Whamore (Chairperson to the FGB) If you would like to contact the Chairperson, please write to; Mr S Whatmore C/o Beamont Collegiate Academy, Long Lane, Warrington. WA2 8PX	Co-opted Link governor responsibilities; • Quality of Education • Leadership (including finance & personnel)	Mr Whatmore has been a National Leader of Governance for over 7 years and was formally a trust member for TCAT. He is also a governor at St Andrew's CE Primary School. Mr Whatmore is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales having qualified in 1976. After enjoying a brief spell in private practice he then spent 35 years in a variety of industries mostly at board level. Mr Whatmore is now retired.
Mrs Emma Blackburn	Parent governor Link governor responsibilities; • Stakeholder engagement	Mrs Blackburn's youngest child currently attends BCA in year 8. Mrs Blackburn works with the occupational therapy team for a local government authority working with vulnerable people within the local community and has developed good working relationships with a multitude of different professional bodies. Mrs Blackburn has been a governor at other schools and therefore understands the challenges the role of a school governor can bring. Mrs Blackburn has a passion for making a difference to the lives of children.
Mrs Debbie Coyne	Co-opted Link governor responsibilities; • HR & facilities	Mrs Coyne is a Partner and Head of Employment at Slater Heelis Solicitors. She lives locally in Warrington and has two children attending another TCAT Secondary School in Warrington. Mrs Coyne is passionate about making a difference for children and has significant experience in dealing with a wide range of HR and employment issues. Mrs Coyne has a keen interest in particular in ensuring equal opportunities and diversity is embraced, both in the workplace and schools.
Miss Shona Crossan	Staff governor	Shona Crossan is a dedicated history teacher at BCA, where she has worked since 2020. Alongside her teaching role, she serves as Progress Leader for Year 7 and leads on provision for children in care, ensuring that every young person feels supported and able to thrive. In addition to her work at BCA, Shona is also a governor at All Saints Upton Primary School. She has a keen interest in supporting young people and is passionate about building strong, positive relationships that enable them to succeed both academically and personally.



Dr Heather Jones	Co-opted Link governor responsibilities; • CIAG	Dr Jones was a secondary school teacher for almost 20 years prior to her current role as the Finance and Payroll Officer for the Warrington Youth Zone. WYZ has many links with local schools.
Mrs Lauren Perks (Vice Chairperson)	Co-opted governor Link governor responsibilities; • Curriculum (including reading intervention) • Teaching & Learning	After 9 years working as a primary teacher in the local area, Mrs. Perks, now a dedicated Assistant Head and Inclusion Lead within Halton couldn't bring herself to part from TCAT and so remains with us as a Co-opted governor. With a strong understanding of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Mrs. Perks is passionate about fostering an inclusive environment where every child can thrive. Her expertise will significantly impact her role as Vice Chair responsible for Curriculum and Teaching and Learning, challenging leaders to ensure that our curriculum is accessible and engaging for all learners.
Mr Paul Greenhalgh	Ex-officio	Appointed as BCA Principal 01/09/2025