

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – FINANCE

(Updated May 2013)

## Composition

A minimum of three members of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body must determine the membership and proceedings of any committee. The Governing Body must also review the establishment, terms of reference, constitution and membership of any committee annually. The membership of any committee may include associate members, provided that a majority of members of the committee are governors. Each committee must have a Chair, who is either appointed by the Governing Body or elected by the committee. The Governing Body may remove the Chair of a committee from office at any time.

## Quorum

The quorum for the meeting of the committee shall not be less than three members of the Governing Body.

## Terms of Reference

1. To monitor each year's School Improvement Plan, and its clear links to the annual budget plan.
2. To prepare and approve the budget plan and options for the Governing Body to consider and approve. (*NOTE: Functions relating to the approval of the first formal budget plan of the financial year can be delegated to a committee – Audit Services would still recommend that the final approval should remain with the whole Governing Body.*)
3. To monitor the budget and make recommendations to the Governing Body for any in-year changes to the spending plans.
4. To review the School Finance Regulations and Procedures annually and to make recommendations for any changes and additions to the Governing Body. The Local Authority Finance Section will alert schools to any changes via the Schools Extranet.
5. To approve virements between budget heads in excess of any delegation granted to the Headteacher under the Governors' Scheme of Financial Delegation.
6. To consider and make recommendation to the Governing Body concerning any proposal involving ongoing rental expenditure not provided for in the Governors' Scheme of Financial Delegation. (Any rental agreements and leases should be forwarded to Eddie Grant at DCC for consideration)
7. To be responsible for contractual arrangements in respect of items approved by the Governing Body in accordance with Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations including the placing and opening of tenders, obtaining quotes and recommendations to the Governing Body concerning acceptance, in accordance with your quotation and tendering limits.
8. To consider proposals involving additional expenditure from other committees and make recommendations to the Governing Body.
9. To ensure that the SFVS is completed and submitted to the LA Audit Section by 31 March each year.

10. To determine with the Premises Committee (if established) the arrangements and the scale of charges for the letting of school premises and other remissions.
11. To consider and give advice on any matter involving finance or financial management referred to by the Governing Body.
12. To ensure that the principles of Best Value are followed when making decisions.

### **Functions Delegated to the Headteacher**

As per the Governors' Scheme of Financial Delegation.

#### **Example**

*Headteacher to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the budget and subject reporting to the Resource Committee:*

- a) *To make permitted virements within the budget to a maximum of the agreed limit.*
- b) *To make a purchase up to the value of the agreed quotation limit without obtaining three written quotations, but ensuring that the school obtains best value for money.*
- c) *To make purchases up to the value of the agreed limit of all invoices per year.*

### **Delegated Functions Overview**

The following functions can be delegated to a committee, but cannot be delegated to an individual:

- i) Functions relating to the alteration, discontinuance or change of category of maintained schools;
- ii) Functions relating to the approval of the first formal budget plan of the financial year;
- iii) Functions relating to school discipline policies;
- iv) Functions relating to the exclusions of pupils (except in an emergency when the Chair has the power to exercise these functions);
- v) Functions relating to admissions.

The Governing Body cannot delegate any functions relating to: the constitution of the Governing Body (unless otherwise provided by the Constitution Regulations), the appointment or removal of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the appointment of the Clerk, the suspension of governors, the delegation of functions and the establishment of committees.

### **Appointment of Chair and Clerk**

The appointment of the Chair of the committee and the Clerk shall be determined by the committee and should be reviewed at the first meeting of the school year.

### **Minutes**

A written record should be kept of the meeting of the committee including details of those present. These Minutes should be submitted to the next full Governing Body meeting through the Clerk to the Governing Body.

### **Convening Meetings**

A meeting shall be convened at the request of the Chair, the Headteacher or any two of the members of the committee. Every member of the committee and the Headteacher shall be given at least seven days clear notice of the committee meetings.