

Terms of Reference for the Committees

General

All committees should

- Ensure that they contribute to the development and implementation of the school's strategic objectives
- Ensure that effective safe guarding and child protection practices are applied to all aspects of their responsibilities
- Ensure that the school's equalities policy is central to their decision making and the school complies with the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty
- Act on matters delegated by the full Governing Body or the Chairs Committee
- Liaise and consult with other committees where appropriate
- Report the outcome of meetings to the full Governing Body
- Have regard to the statutory duties of governing bodies in undertaking their work

Chairs Committee

Strategic Planning and School Improvement

- To coordinate the work of the Governing Body and its relationship with the headteacher and senior leadership team
- To consider the school's self evaluation assessments
- To monitor the overall schedule of school policies
- To review the school's relationship with the Ouseburn Learning Trust
- To approve arrangements for filling of senior leadership team posts

Governance

- To take decisions that cannot wait until the next full meeting of the Governing Body which may then be reported to and discussed at the next full meeting
- To identify and review key issues that require the consideration of the full Governing Body
- Recommend exceptional working arrangements to the full Governing Body where particular circumstances arise
- To agree (electronically) the agenda for full meetings of the Governing Body, taking into account the local authority's termly briefings

School Management and Probity

- To review policies and procedures for
 - Data protection and freedom of information
 - Complaints
 - The Critical Incident Plan
- To set the times of school sessions and term / holiday and training day dates