

# **Funding and Appeals Policy**

## **1.Statement**

- 1.1 The Academies Trust Handbook, 2021 (Education & Skills Funding Agency) states in section 5.30 that: "A MAT can amalgamate GAG for its academies to form one central fund. This can be used to meet the running costs at any constituent academy"

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place at initial budget setting and throughout the year in line with the regular budget meetings with the CFO).

- If a mutually agreeable solution regarding resourcing is not achieved, a business case would need to be put to CIT's Executive Leadership Team for consideration. The Executive Leadership Team would have to respond in writing with their decision and rationale for this. (The ELT will consider and provide a rationale for their decision within ten school working days of a business case being presented to the ELT).

2.3 In line with the Academies Trust Handbook, if the Head Teacher/Principal still feels they have insufficient resource to meet the needs of their school they should write to the Clerk to the Trust Board requesting a review of their resourcing. The Clerk will collate information and representations from the Head Teacher and the CEO to be presented to a panel selected by the Chair of the Trust to review and ultimately make a decision on the fairness of the resourcing. (The Clerk to the Trust Board will convene an appeals committee within ten working days of a Head Teacher requesting the ELT decision to be reviewed).

2.4 In line with the Trust's values of trust and respect, if a Head Teacher still feels that they are not receiving fair resourcing to meet the needs of their pupils and their school, we appreciate they are within their rights to escalate this as per the Academies Trust Handbook section 5.3. If they wish to do so, they are requested to inform the CEO in writing that they are pursuing this course of action.

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This Policy has been approved by the Finance, Audit and Estates Committee

Signed..... Name..... Date:

Chair of the Trust Board

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Chief Executive Officer