

Trust Board Confidential Meeting Minutes

Thursday 23 May 2024 – Teams

Present: Paul Howieson (PH), Sue Bowen (SB), Jo Levasier (JL), Louise Ellis (LE) (Chair), Brendan Mullany (BM), Brendan McCarthy (BMc), Les Lane (LL), Kat Hearn (KH), Martin Copsey (MCO), Rod Woodford (RW), Michael Crane (MCR)

In Attendance: Sue Bennett (SEB) Minutes

Apologies: Martin Tiffin (MT)

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3. 3d	Minutes and Actions from the last meetings <u>Resources Committee 13 May 2023</u> BMc outlined the main points from the meeting: Considered a request from the LGB at Oakdale for the trust to commit to the school having a portion of the annual income from renting the building to Linwood School. PH added that he felt there may be further correspondence from the LGB on this issue.	
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7.	Strategy for Management Falling Roll / Growth (document circulated with the agenda) Purbeck Schools PH advised that the situation in the Purbeck schools continues to be a concern. The situation is already under active management with PAN reductions in some schools but there is a significant gap between the number of children and number of spaces in the area. PH recently had a meeting with the Corporate Director for Education and Learning at Dorset County Council, Amanda Davies, and a senior estates manager. They are in the process of putting together a “Best Education for All” paper, working with relevant people which includes CLP. The paper is expected to be completed by December 2024 and we have been assured it will go into	

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	considerable practical detail about the way forward to tackle the growing problems. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] There will be some deficit budgets coming through from Purbeck Schools, and in January, once the paper has been completed, we will devise a bold and courageous plan. <u>Trustee questions / comments</u> Q. Is it likely that we may need to consider school closures? A. We want to explore all options with closure being the very last resort. Q. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Q. [REDACTED] A. [REDACTED] Q. Oakdale also have significantly low numbers for September and the PAN has recently been reduced. A. The previous headteacher wanted to manage pupil numbers year on year but the new headteacher is open to bringing stability to the school. We will probably bring the PAN down to 96 which will mean it is full and maybe oversubscribed, but we can only do this two years ahead. Q. CLP has always taken a 'let the schools come to us' approach when it comes to joining the trust, but if we want to take on one more big school should we change our stance and approach a school rather than waiting? A. [REDACTED] Q. [REDACTED] A. [REDACTED] Action: Trustees agreed to form a working group from September 2024 to consider GAG pooling across the Trust.	

Meeting closed at 8:35

Next meeting: Thursday 11 July 2024 – In person at the Central Offices