

# Clerking in new contexts: MAT local governance tier

## Categories of Governors in a MAT: Example

- Academy committees are often smaller than full boards due to their delegated responsibilities
- A trustboard will determine the constitution for its academy committees subject to any restrictions around elected parent governors\* and any diocese/foundation requirements.
- Certain categories, such as local authority governors will no longer apply. There is also no requirement to have staff governors in academies and although it is quite common for academy committees to have them, there is not a requirement for them to be elected.
- The categories and descriptions will vary from trust to trust and the terms might include, but are not limited to, parent, staff, trust-appointed, church, foundation, community and co-opted.
- In some trusts, all local governor appointments are made by formal applications to the board of directors and any relevant church authority. In others, the academy committees can appoint them and the appointment is only ratified by the trust board.
- It is vital that you have a clear understanding of how this happens in your trust, should you start to clerk for an academy committee, as set out in the terms of reference.

\* Multi-academy trusts (MATs) must have at least two parent trustees on the board OR at least two parent governors on each academy committee. It is more common for the parent governor requirement to be satisfied at academy committee level.