

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee held virtually on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 4pm

Trustees: Mr D Austin (Chair), Mr S Cryer, Mr A Venter, Mrs S Flack, Mr J Dunn.

Also Present: Dr Blunden (Chief Executive), Mrs J Brinson (Director of Business and Finance), and Mrs B Couch (Governance Officer)

Item	Decision	Action
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies The Chair welcomed members and thanked them for their time.	
2.	Minutes of 25th November 2021 The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 th November 2021 were APPROVED as an accurate record of proceedings and will be signed by the chair at the next face to face meeting.	Governance Officer
3.	Matters arising None	
4.	TIAA Assurance review of ICT system security The audit process was EXPLAINED and Trustees RECEIVED the ICT system/cyber security challenges and proposal paper and NOTED the need for immediate response in some areas. Trustees NOTED the critical areas will be covered in the Trust are able to receive the cyber essentials accreditation.	
5.	Risk Register Update The current risk register was shared with Trustees and additions of contractor failure, data breaches and cyber attacks were DISCUSSED . Trustees DISCUSSED the risk to the Trust with regards to a declining NOR in some Trust schools. Trustees NOTED that the risk register is shared with all Trustees at full board meetings.	
6.	Review of Pupil Numbers of Spring Census Trustees REVIEWED and APPROVED the pupil numbers across the trust.	

	<p>Trustees NOTED that there is a downward trend in terms of NOR at some Trust schools – this is being addressed in individual schools with marketing and promotion of the school.</p> <p>Trustees DISCUSSED issues around housing availability and cost, specifically in the Penwith area.</p> <p>Trustees full REVIEWED and APPROVED the pupil census figures for Spring 2022.</p> <p>Trustees REQUESTED a summary of the census over the last 3-5 years in order to look at the trends and patterns over NORs over time.</p>	Direct Business and Finance
7.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None.</p>	
8.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 7th July 2022 at 4pm.</p>	