



RCAOS Catholic Academies Trusts (CAT) Oversight Group

Please note – this document is draft and will be regularly updated. If you have any questions please contact pennypemberton@rcaos.gov.uk

Introduction

The CAT Oversight group was introduced in September 2022 to oversee the implementation of the Diocese Academisation approach. Following the development of the RCAOS Academisation principles, the Oversight group was sanctioned to ensure that the principles are met, and ensuring that schools within the Diocese remain strong and focused on delivering exceptional education.

In line with the DFE/ CES Memorandum of Understanding, a Diocesan representative must attend all meetings that proposed CATs/ live CATs hold with the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC).

When do we need to go to the CAT Oversight group?

The following will be required to attend the CAT challenge group:

- New CAT proposal – prior to RSC application
- New CAT proposal – prior to conversion
- CAT monitoring – twice a year for live CATs
- Amendments to growth plans for existing CATs
- School joining existing CAT – prior to RSC application

Key documents you will need

New CAT proposal – prior to RSC application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT Oversight group pre RSC application pro forma • Any other documentation to support the above pro forma e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft financial strategy • Draft growth plan • Risks • Evidence of GBs resolution for in scope schools
New CAT proposal – prior to conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT Oversight group pre conversion approval pro forma • External financial due diligence reports • Compliance/ property due diligence reports • Any other due diligence reports • Consultation response report • Accounts return • CAT/ EC Protocols document
CAT monitoring	TBC
Amendments to Growth Plans	TBC



Schools joining existing CAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT Oversight Group pre RSC application single school to MAT pro forma • Evidence of GBs resolution for proposed school
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When are the CAT Oversight groups and how do I get on the agenda?

The CAT Oversight groups are held approximately monthly. Dates for 2022/3 below. Please note – all papers must be submitted to the RCAOS Academisation Project Manager at least 8 days before the meeting. Please note that if papers are not submitted by the last submission date below, the item will be moved to the following CAT Oversight group agenda when possible.

Emergency CAT Oversight groups are possible in the event of an emergency decision required. If you need an urgent decision or some urgent feedback, please contact the RCAOS Academisation Project Manager.

CAT Challenge Group Date	Last submission date for papers
27 th September 2022	19 th September
2 nd November 2022	25 th October
1 st December 2022	23 rd November
24 th January 2023	10 th January
8 th March 2023	22 nd February
27 th April 2023	13 th April
24 th May 2023	10 th May
5 th July 2023	21 st June

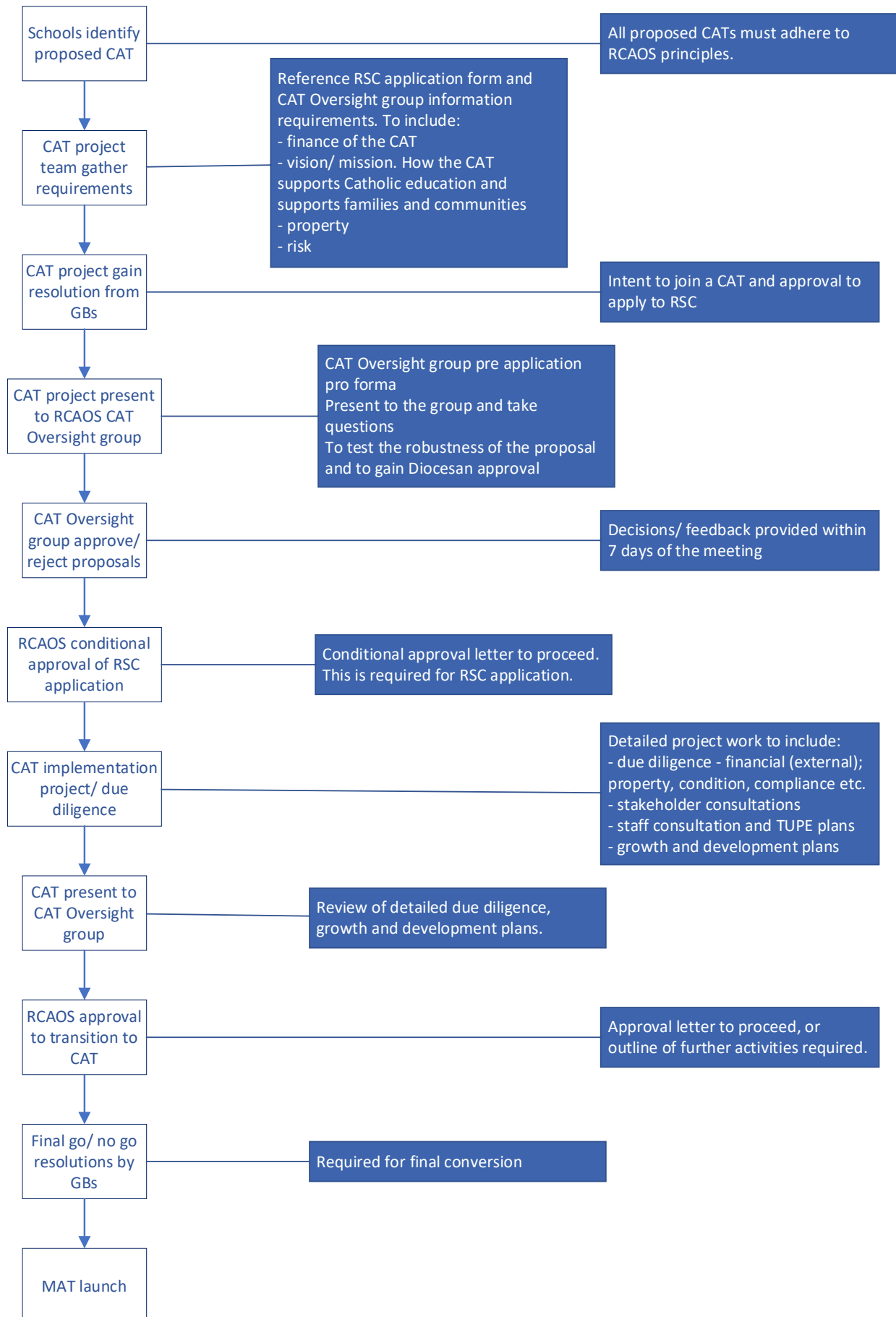
To get onto the CAT Oversight group agenda please email the RCAOS Academisation Project Manager who will advise. CAT Oversight groups will take place at Bowen House, 59 Westminster Bridge Road, London. Remote access by exception only.

Key Processes

The following process flows demonstrate where representation is required at a CAT Oversight group. Please note – the notes are not exhaustive. For further information, please contact the RCAOS Academisation Project Manager.



New CAT Proposal





School applying to join an existing CAT

