

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 your TRO, Sam Gower, Louise Holden and Ann Marie Mealey.

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 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:

- Amendments to growth plans for CATs
- School joining existing CAT – prior to RSC application

Key documents you will need

Amendments to Growth Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual trust development plan • Trust growth plan
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

When are the CAT Oversight groups and how do I get on the agenda?

The CAT Oversight groups are held approximately monthly. Dates for are available upon request. Please note – all papers must be submitted to the relevant Trust Relationship Officer at least 5 working days before the meeting. Please note that if papers are not submitted by the last submission date, the item will be moved to the following CAT Oversight group agenda.

To get onto the CAT Oversight group agenda please email the DSC 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 flowcharts demonstrate where representation is required at a CAT Oversight group. Please note – the notes are not exhaustive.

School applying to join an existing CAT

