



Governance Arrangements for Academic Year 2025/2026
Trust Board Committee Membership, Attendance at Meetings & Governance Register of Pecuniary and Other Interests
Correct on 1 June 2026 (attendance covering the 2024/25 academic year)

The Chair of Governors post is currently vacancy. There are 2 Vice Chair's, Angela Nichols and Chris Coxon. They are elected annually from amongst the Foundation Governors. The Vice Chairs can be contacted via governance@bwcet.com

The Trust collects and publishes all diversity data related to Governors across the Trust (where provided). When available this will be published on the Trust website in the governance section – <https://www.bwcet.com/governance/>

Information of the local governance arrangements for each of the school within BWCET can be found on each schools website on the governance page

Full Name	Category of Director & Appointed by	Date of Appointment	End of Term of Office	Date stepped down or N/A	Attendance at meetings (2024/25)						Relevant Business & Pecuniary Interests	Roles/links to committees/monitoring links
					Full	Finance	Audit	Education	HR	Staffing		
Angela Boyle	Foundation Director appointed by Members (Article 50)	12/07/2019	11/07/2027	N/A	7/8	2/3		2/2	2/2	1/1	Governor at St Matthew's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow – July 2023	Vice Chair Finance & Education, Committees Safeguarding & Whistleblowing Link
Christopher Coxon	Foundation Director appointed by Members (Article 50)	01/07/2019	07/04/2028	N/A	6/8	3/3		1/2	1/2	1/1	BWCS Director since March 2021	Vice Chair Finance & Education Committees
Alan Egdell	Foundation Director appointed by Members (Article 50)	20/02/2022	18/01/2030	N/A	7/8			1/2	2/2		Father of Catherine Egdell Assistant Head/Acting Deputy at St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School	Education & Audit Committees SEND Link

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	appointed by Members (Article 50)											
Ian Mearns	Non -Foundation Director appointed by Non Foundation Directors (Article 50a)			13/10/2025								
Martin Gannon	Foundation Director appointed by Members (Article 50)			01/06/2026								

Register of Interests for Members and Senior Executives 2025/26 & Related Parties

Members				
Full Name	Category/Role	From	Nature	Description of Interest
Bishop Stephen Wright	The Bishop &	19.7.23	Member	All Schools/Academies in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
		19.7.23	Trustee	Ushaw College

	Person with Significant Control	19.7.23	Trustee	Bede Chair of Catholic Theology, Durham
		19.7.23	Director	St Cuthbert's Care Director
		2021	Trustee	CAFOD
		2021	Trustee	Churches Legislation Advisory Service (CLAS)
Catherine Margaret Craig	Diocesan Director of Education	January to September 2024	Member	Acting Director of Education Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle - Oversight of all Diocesan schools on behalf of Bishop Stephen Wright
		September 2024	Member	Director of Education Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle - Oversight of all Diocesan schools on behalf of Bishop Stephen Wright
		June 2024	Trustee	Youth Ministry Trust – Oversight of the Youth Ministry Trust
Rev Simon Lerche	Episcopal Vicar for Education	Jan 2020	Member	Bishop Wilkinson CET, Bishop Chadwick CET, Bishop Hogarth CET, Bishop Bewick CET
Father Jeff Dodds	Vicar General	Jan 2025	Vicar General	Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle - Deaneries of Northumberland, Newcastle & North Tyneside and South Tyneside & Gateshead
		Jan 2025	Member	Bishop Wilkinson CET, Bishop Chadwick CET, Bishop Hogarth CET, Bishop Bewick CET
Father Mark Millward	Vicar General	Jan 2025	Vicar General	Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle - Deaneries of Sunderland & Durham and Cleveland and South Durham
		Jan 2025	Member	Bishop Wilkinson CET, Bishop Chadwick CET, Bishop Hogarth CET, Bishop Bewick CET
Fiona Standfield	Diocesan Financial Secretary/COO to the Diocese	June 2018	COO	COO of Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
		May 2024	Trustee	Youth Ministry Trust - Oversight of the Youth Ministry Trust
Michael Shorten	Lead Education Trustee/Chair of Diocesan Education Committee	May 2025	Member	None

Trust Senior Executives Declarations

Full Name	Category/Role	From	Nature	Description of Interest
Lucie Stephenson	CEO	Nov 2022	Relationship	Close personal relationship with Lisa Stokoe – Executive HT
Louise Levy	COO/Company Secretary	April 2009	Governor	Fellside Community Primary School - Chair of Governors - Began April 2009 – stepped down as Chair July 24 and as a Governor Dec 24

		Nov 2016	Member	Whickham School - Chair of Members, Began Nov 2016 – stepped down October 23
		Sept 2021	Relationship	Daughter Jessica Levy - HR Trainee Advisor - Employment 1 st Sept 2021
		Sept 2021	Board Member	Board Member/Director of Education Commercial Services a procurement service. (Bishop Wilkinson Commercial Services – BWCS) Resigned December 2025
Lisa Smith	CFO	Dec 2009	Governor	Hadrian Primary, Baring Street, South Shields, Parent Governor (Dec 09 – Dec 21),
		Dec 2021	Governor	Hadrian Primary, Baring Street, South Shields, Associate Governor (Dec 21 – Present)
		June 2023	Member	South Tyneside Libraries National Portfolio Organisation – Oversight Group member
Carole Barclay	Director of Operations	Nil		
Claire Brown	Senior Director of Performance & Standards	October 2022	Inspector	Contracted Ofsted Inspector. Income goes directly to BWCET - since employment with BWCET
Umer Chughtai	Chief Technology Officer	Nil		
Andrew Freeman	Director of IT Strategy	Nil		
Lesley Anne Hall	Director of Estates	Nil		
Pam Mee	Director of HR	September 23	Trustee	Ascent Academies Trust
Martine Murphy	Director of Teaching & Learning	Nil		
Barbara Reilly O'Donnell	Director of Ethos	Sept 2021	Relationship	Daughter is teacher at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School
		2023	Relationship	Son-in-law teacher at St Mary's, Blackhill
		2023	Relationship	Son a governor at St Godric's
Andrea Riley	Director of Student Welfare	Nil		
Jacqui Ridley	Director of Governance	July 21	Company Secretary	BWCS

Executive Team Related Parties

Name & Role	Relevant business interests Name/nature of business/nature of interest and date interest began	Annual Value of Business Value	Procured by	DfE/ESFA approval sought	Date interest declared
None					