

## PEP Strategic Board: Terms of Reference (Feb 2021)

The PEP Strategic Board will oversee the implementation of the Portsmouth [Education Strategy 2020-2023](#) and the nine priorities that have been agreed by the Board.

Our vision as outlined in the Portsmouth Education Strategy is that through working together we can ensure that: *All children and young people make good progress through education which sets high expectations for them, is infused with restorative high support and high challenge and which is supported through leading edge use of digital technology, empowering them to drive their own learning anywhere.*

A central theme of the PEP strategy is inclusion - *creating an educational environment that is welcoming to all children and young people and not giving up on any child whatever their circumstances.*

The strategy also has running through it a commitment to engage with schools and partners to develop and share anti-racism training and resources in response to Black Lives Matter.

### 1. Key purpose

The purpose of the PEP Strategic Board is to oversee the work of the Portsmouth Education Partnership (PEP), provide overall strategic direction and approve and monitor an annual work programme as part of the Portsmouth Education Strategy 2020 - 2023.

### 2. Key responsibilities

The PEP Strategic Board will:

1. Approve, support, challenge and monitor a three year strategy for education in Portsmouth, including a focus on recovery from the pandemic
2. Annually review priorities for improvement and agree an annual programme of work as part of the Portsmouth Education Strategy
3. Receive reports and monitor the implementation of the nine priorities, including receiving updates from the PEP Sub Groups
4. Use data and other evidence to monitor impact, evaluate progress and highlight areas for discussion where targeted support might be required

### 3. Membership

The membership of the Board is as follows:

Independent chair - tbc

Representatives for all 12 Multi Academy Trusts that are represented in the city:

- ARK
- Bohunt Education Trust
- De Curci Trust
- Delta Academies Trust
- Hamwic Trust
- King's Group Academy Trust
- Salterns Academy Trust
- Solent Academies Trust
- The Kemnal Academy Trust
- Thinking Schools Academy Trust
- United Learning Trust
- University of Chichester Academy Trust

Other representatives:

- Chair of PEP School Leadership and Effectiveness Board
- LA Maintained Schools representative
- Chair of Portsmouth Primary Heads Conference
- Chair of Portsmouth Secondary Heads Conference
- Post 16 representative
- Early Years representative
- University of Portsmouth
- Director of Children, Families and Education, PCC
- Deputy Director Education, PCC

The membership of the Board will continually be reviewed and monitored.

#### **4. Chairing, frequency of meetings and administration**

There will be an independent chair. The Board will meet termly.

Minutes of the meetings of the PEP Strategic Board will be circulated to all members as soon as available and formally agreed at the next meeting of the PEP Strategic Board. The agenda and supporting papers will be sent out in advance of each meeting.

The local authority will co-ordinate and administer the meetings, unless alternative arrangements are agreed by the Board.

#### **5. Accountability and governance arrangements**

The PEP Strategic Board holds no formal power over schools / academies who sign up to the Portsmouth Education Partnership. Schools and academies that join the PEP as partners are not giving up any Governing Board / Trust rights or responsibilities and equally the Local Authority is not giving up any of its statutory obligations. However, all partners agree that the PEP should challenge, support and take action and hold each other to account, in order to achieve improved educational outcomes for children and young people in Portsmouth.