# Questions to ask before approving your schools budget WEBINAR for Governors & Trustees



## A guide for boards on considerations as they approve the 2021/22 budget

#### **Overview**

Increasing staff costs, COVID-19 impact, and changes to school funding make schools budgets more challenging than ever. New requirements for boards in maintained schools and trusts mean tighter scrutiny of school finances is essential.

This webinar provides guidance on the new financial transparency changes that come into effect for the financial year 2021/22 and provides best-practice guidance on how to strategically review and challenge your school budget.

The following will be explored:

- Understanding the schools national funding formula
- Understanding the principles of resource management for schools
- Using benchmarking data to understand the impact of previous spending decisions
- Complying with the new regulations on financial transparency
- How to review your 3-year financial forecast
- Ensuring your budget reflects risks and your strategic direction
- Questions to ask before you sign-off the budget
- Ensuring your budget will have an impact on school improvement and pupils outcomes

All delegates receive an electronic copy of the presentation and supporting materials and resources to help them be more impactful in their governance role.

## Who should attend?

Any governors or trustees responsible for oversight of finances, risks and internal audit or strategic leadership.

#### **Tutor**

Rosemary Lovatt is the NLG Advocate for East of England and NE London. She is an experienced chair and governance tutor who runs the Governance Leadership Programme across England.

## What people say about our training

'The best governor training I have ever attended'

'Inspiring! Thank you! I now feel confident to be a more strategic governor'

'At last, training that provides the tools, examples and checklists to help us do the job'

#### **About our training**

As experienced Chairs of Governors we strongly believe in providing training that gives you the knowledge, tools and examples to be effective governors. Our aim is to give you the confidence and tools to improve your governance as quickly and effectively as possible. All our training is provided by National Leaders of Governance who are experienced governance trainers. Our training can be provided as webinars, bespoke sessions for your board or group of schools or face to face sessions (subject to social distancing guidance).

#### **About NLGs**

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Logistics

Course Dates: 25-02-2021 Venue: Delivered by Zoom Times: 18:30 - 20:30

Price: £70.00 or £63.00 for TSA Members