

THREE VALLEYS LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Report of the Co-operative Trust for the year ended 31st March 2015

Reference and Administration Information

Company/Charity Name: Three Valleys Learning Partnership

Registration Numbers

Company: 8966071

Charity: N/A

Registered Office: Sticklepath Community School
Woodville Estate
Barnstaple
Devon
EX31 2HH

Location Company Records: Yeo Valley Primary School
Derby Road
Barnstaple
Devon
EX32 7HB

Trustees: A Pierce (Chair)
A Bond
R Chapman
S Denham
K Dunne
M Henderson
J Kyle
Z Marsh
Petroc (K Devine)
J Reid
M Smallwood
J Walters
S Warner
V Worms

Members of the Trust Body are appointed in line with the Memorandum and Articles of Association with due regard to statutory guidance for Trusts which are appointing bodies for Schools:

Bankers:	None
Solicitors:	Tom Wainwright
Auditors:	N/A

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report and financial statements of the first year of operation ended 31st March 2015. The Three Valleys Learning Partnership is a company limited by guarantee and as such is bound by Company Law. The members of the Board of Trustees constitute the Board of Directors. They are jointly and severally responsible for the financial well being and general and proper running of the Trust within the scope of the Memorandum and Article of Association.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Three Valleys Learning Partnership is a Trust created under the auspices of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and uses a DCSF approved model Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company was registered (8966071) on the 28th March 2014 and has not become a registered charity.

Appointment of Trustee body

The composition of the Trustee body is for two Trustees (The Headteacher and a nominated member of the Governing Body, normally the Chair of Governors) to be appointed from the following:

Ashleigh C of E
 Bishops Tawton
 Bratton Fleming/Holywell C of E
 Pilton Infants
 Sticklepath
 Yeo Valley

The Gateway Federation (Bratton Fleming and Holywell have three Trustee places, including a place for the Headteacher.

A further Trustee is appointed from the following partner organisations:

Petroc
 Co-operative College

The Trustee from Petroc is appointed by Petroc and Co-operative College does not have an appointed Trustee but an associate is currently attending meetings.

Trustee Induction and Training

All of the Trustees are familiar with the work of the Charity and visit the Trust Schools. New Trustees are introduced to our work by the Company Secretary and are provided with the necessary information and documentation.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and continue to monitor the arrangements and systems in place to mitigate those risks.

Procedure is in place regarding health and safety of staff, clients and visitors to the schools of the Trust. The Trustees seek appropriate advice, through for example their insurers, solicitors and Devon County Council.

Organisational Structure

The Three Valleys Learning Partnership has a Trustee Body of thirteen members at the present time who meet a minimum of three times each year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

A scheme of delegation is in place and the day to day responsibility for the organisation rests with the Steering Group of Headteachers of the schools within the Trust.

The Steering Group is responsible to the Trustee Body and holds regular meetings to ensure the charity delivers the services specified and the key objectives are met.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the charity shall be to:

Share common aims, values and principles across our schools whilst retaining the unique identities of individual schools;

Ensure teaching, learning and development are central to all that we do by creating an environment of mutual support, raising aspirations to aid in delivering consistently high standards of education and care;

Actively engage parents and the wider community together with our schools to shape the future of education within our local area whilst remaining part of the Devon LA family of schools;

Consolidate and improve the relationships our schools already have to develop further trust, capacity and expertise to ensure all children access excellent provision and opportunities;

Promote resilience, ambition and aspiration amongst our community;

Cultivate pride in our diverse local environment, whilst widening children's experience and horizons for their futures both in Barnstaple and the wider world; and

Create opportunities for a sustainable model of co-operation and collaboration so that the budgets and resources available are used to best effect to sustain further school improvement and enhance outcomes for all our children.

Significant events during the year

During the year the Trustees have met three times (once each academic term) and received full financial and administrative reports from the Steering Group (Headteachers minutes) at each meeting.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School although invited to attend meetings as part of the initial consultation process, became a partner on 1st September 2014

Procurement of Educational Psychologist

Headteacher school to school support

SENCo school to school support

School Council – joint working

Literacy and Numeracy Co-ordinators working together on assessment

Achievement for All (AFA) training and support across all schools

Joint training for Governors

Collective CPD for all schools on Assessment, Medical Awareness, E Safety, Thrive and Autism

Financial Review

There was no financial transaction for the Trust during the first year of operation and the company has been dormant as defined in Section 1169 of the Companies Act 2006 throughout the period.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2015

Current Assets

Cash	£0
Net Current Assets	£0

Capital and Reserves £0

Total Members Funds £0

- (a) The company was dormant throughout the financial year ended 31st March 2015
- (b) For the year ending 31st March 2015 the company was entitled to exemption under Section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985
- (c) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985
- (d) The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
 - i. Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221; and
 - ii. Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profits or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as it is applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 6th July 2015 and are signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Significant events post year end

An expression of interest from a local school to become a member of the Three Valleys Learning Partnership was submitted to the Trust Board for consideration. As this was the first expression of interest, the Trust Board agreed to consider an approach from local schools but requested that this be in a pre-defined format to provide consistency and transparency.

Plans for future periods

Planned joint SIP support across all the schools

Subject Leaders/School Leaders on Assessment – to work towards consistency and joint moderation

Continuation of Achievement for All (AFA)

School to school observations

Significant work across the schools on formative assessment

The Trust plans to continue the activities as outlined above in the forthcoming year. We plan to continue to monitor our existing programme to see that it caters for everyone's needs and to encourage further development.

Responsibilities of the Trustee Body

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial positions at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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