

Tame Valley Cooperative Learning Trust
Directors Report and Financial Statement
For the period ending 26 July 2013



Legal and administrative Information

Company/Charity Name: Tame Valley Cooperative Learning Trust

Company Registration Number: 08160117

Registered Office: Wilnecote High School
Tinkers Green Road
Wilnecote
Tamworth
B77 5EH

Date of Incorporation: 27 July 2012

Trustees: Mr T Pomroy - Chair
Lady J Ackers - Vice Chair (until 26.06.13)
Ms T Bunn
Mr T Dix
Mr A Hand
Mr J Keay
Ms H Pascoe
Ms J Price – Vice Chair (from 26.06.13)
Mr S Tonks
Ms M Trappett
Mrs J Wallbank

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 of Schools.

Bankers: None

Solicitors: DWP LLP
58 Mosley Street
Manchester
M2 3HZ

Auditors: N/A

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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual and financial statements of the first year of operation ended 26 July 2013. The Tame Valley Cooperative Learning Trust 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. Hereafter, the Directors will be referred to as the Trustees.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

The Tame Valley Cooperative Learning Trust is a charitable Trust and company limited by guarantee created under the auspices of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and uses a DfE approved model Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company was registered (08160117) on the 27 July 2013. The Charity was set out to administer and manage the property and other assets of the charity known as the Tame Valley Cooperative Learning Trust for the public benefit

- To advance the education of the students at any school which is a qualifying school, or at any other school in respect of which the company acts or has acted as a foundation; and
- The advancement of education in a manner consistent with the Education Acts in the communities served by any means of the schools referred to above.

Appointment of Trustees body

The composition of the Trustee body is for the Trustees to be appointed from the following:

- 2 Trustees from each school, being the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors
Dosthill Primary School
Heathfields Infant School
Manor Primary School
Stoneydelph Primary School
Wilnecote High School
Wilnecote Junior School
- 1 Trustee is appointed by each of the following partner institutions:
 - Wolverhampton University
 - Staffordshire Local Education Authority

The Trustees are appointed by their respective organisations.

Trustee Induction and Training

All of the Trustees are familiar with the work of the charity. An induction pack will be developed in line with the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators' *specimen Induction Handbook for Charity Trustees* (England and Wales).

Additional training for Trustees can be arranged with the Company Secretary.

Risk Management

Procedures are in place regarding health and safety of staff, clients and visitors to the Trust Schools. The Trustees seek appropriate advice, for example through their insurers, solicitors, and Staffordshire Local Authority who are also partners.

Organisational Structure

The Tame Valley Cooperative Learning Trust has a Trustee Body of eleven 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 and to ensure the charity delivers the services specified and the key objectives are met.

Objectives of the Trust

- Improve outcomes for all young people in our learning community
- Achieve more by working together rather than individually
- Establish long-term and sustainable relationships between our schools
- Involve all stakeholders fully in the learning of young people

Achievement and Performance 2012/2013

- Establishment of TVCLT in 2012 with associated balloon release launch day and wristbands
- Welcoming 2 new schools in September 2013 (Thomas Barnes and Longwood)
- Establishing the Trust led Olevi ITP/ OTP programme
- 2 newsletters to stakeholders (Spring and Summer 2013)
- Membership evening for all stakeholders (January 2013)
- Regular Trust Board meetings (termly)
- Regular Headteacher meetings
- Regular Procurement meetings
- Establishment of a Trust SMSC working party
- 3 Trust Council meetings
- TVCLT School Direct places
- New company secretary: Christine Lewis (September 2013)
- Strengthening of links between all Trust schools

Financial Review

There were no financial transactions for the Trust during the first year of operation and the company.

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2013

Current Assets

Cash	£0
Nett Current Assets	£0

Capital and Reserves	£0
Total Members Fund	£0

- a. The company was dormant throughout the financial year end 31 July 2013.
- b. For the year ending 31 July 2013 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 20 November 2013 and were signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Plans for 2013/2014

On behalf of all the Governing Bodies in the collaborative, this partnership will collaborate across all phases in order to:

- Provide an inspiring journey towards limitless opportunities for all our learners across our communities
- Raise standards of achievement for all by focusing on all learners
- Serve and engage the local community
- Be aspirational for all learners
- Have an inclusive ethos
- Be led by effective leaders who build on leadership capacity at all levels and strive for the success of all schools

- Accept responsibility for the self-improvement of the partnership whilst embedding a philosophy that isn't dependent upon individuals

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

- To use the results from SKEIN to improve professional development opportunities
- To continue to deliver Olevi 'Improving Teacher Programme' and 'Outstanding Teaching Programme' to raise teaching and learning across the Trust
- To deliver joint INSET (January 6th 2014) focussing on identified needs
- To provide Schools Direct places for associate teachers in conjunction with the University of Wolverhampton
- To bring our communities together through a Trust Council lead talent show
- To develop a Trust Website to engage members
- To explore opportunities for Peer Review

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 fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position 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.

Approved by the Trustees on 20 November 2013 and signed on their behalf by:-

Director:

Print Name: