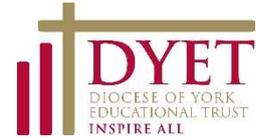


## York Diocesan Board of Education's Policy for Academies and Multi Academy Trusts (MATs)



### Academy Conversion - Contribution Charges

The York Diocesan Board of Education (YDBE) as the relevant statutory body for the Diocese of York under the Diocesan Board of Education Measure 2021, has a responsibility and requirement to have involvement with processes around structural changes relating to academy conversion or Trust legal or governance structures. It has been agreed by the YDBE that all such works will incur a charge for the time taken for these works by the Diocese.

Historically (until 2020), the DBE had absorbed the full cost of all the work required to facilitate such works on behalf of its Church schools and the site trustees, with the exception of the legal fees incurred. Much of this work is wide ranging and includes many hours of diocesan officer time in order to prepare paperwork, attend meetings, incur travel expenses and carry out investigations to ensure that the site trustees' interests are preserved through statutory transfers and other matters.

It is through the close working relationship with our MATs and the DfE that we ensure that no conversion or Trust structural or governance changes take place without the written conditional consent of the DBE. This is outlined in the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure (2021), the School Standards and Framework Act (1998) and all subsequent revisions to legislation relating to academies.

The DBE receives no public funding in order to facilitate academy conversions. To support our ability to continue providing a high quality service to both our Church Schools and Trust Partners, the DBE has agreed a charging structure as set out below to ensure we can continue to provide this high quality support. Whilst costs incurred in each process will vary, the DBE has agreed a standard charging structure rather than basing anything on a full cost recovery basis as follows:

- Conversion of a Church school into an existing Church MAT - £2250
- Any re-brokerage of an existing academy into an existing Church MAT - £2000
- Creation of a new Church MAT - minimum £3500 (plus £2000 for each school)\*
- Reconstitution of a current community MAT to a Church MAT - minimum £2000 (plus £2000 for each school)\*
- MAT Reconstitution: £2,500
- Other MAT structural or governance change: Bespoke charging\*\*
- MAT dissolution/insolvency or similar - Bespoke Charging

*(all costs exclusive of VAT)*

*\*This is a minimum cost. The YDBE reserves the right to change this depending upon the scope of works required and the levels of involvement of Diocesan Officers to amend this as necessary. We will endeavour to agree costs wherever possible.*

*\*\*This will be agreed with the MAT in advance and will depend upon the scope of works required.*

All of the above do not include legal fees incurred as a result of conversion. These will continue to be the responsibility of the individual Church school and MAT and undertakings with the diocesan lawyers will be sought in the usual way.

All costs are subject to the discretion of the YDBE and the YDBE reserves the right to vary costs as may be necessary.

Invoices will be issued from the York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited (The). Where any process does not go ahead, a charge would still be made. The levy charged will in most cases form part of the conditional consent letter issued by the YDBE.

All invoices are payable on 30-day terms.

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