

**Ellen Loughhead JP**  
**Vice Chair of Batley Multi Academy Trust (BMAT)**  
**Attendee at BMAT Finance and Resources Sub-Committee**

I was a teacher for 43 years, most recently as an Assistant Head at Batley Girls' High School. I managed teams of staff, and developed and led a Wellbeing Service for all members of the school community. I contributed directly to two 'Outstanding' OFSTED inspections, the first being subject-specific.

During my time as curriculum lead, I was appointed as a Chief Moderator for a national exam board, training subject teachers for the coursework element of GCSE. This experience gave me insight and appreciation into the demands on students and teachers of the external exam system.

I am completing the Chair's Development Programme, organised by the National Governance Association, supporting Governors and Trustees in lead governance roles. This academic year (2018/19), I am the interim Chair of Governors at Healey Junior, Infant and Nursery, a primary school within BMAT, an experience which has enhanced my understanding of the needs and demands of the primary sector.

I chaired a successful and substantial local charity for ten years, helping me to establish a good working knowledge of governance, financial management, fundraising and the local community.

As a Magistrate, I regularly sit across West Yorkshire courts on both the Adult Criminal and Family Benches. I am currently training to be a Presiding Justice in the Family Court and working with schools and colleges across Kirklees as part of Magistrates in the Community Programme.

I volunteered as an adviser for the Citizens Advice Bureau, developing knowledge of many relevant areas such as employment law, welfare benefits and other social welfare issues.

I believe my long service in education demonstrates my real commitment to young people and their education and my own commitment to the importance of community engagement and lifelong learning. My involvement with the local Magistracy constantly reminds me of the wider social and welfare issues we all face.