Placement of Authority

The generic authority delegated by Council to the President and Principal is held by the President and Principal personally. The advisory groups (SET, SLT, RERC etc) provide advice and an opportunity for discussion and dissemination, but responsibility for decisions taken rests with the Principal.

The specific authorities delegated by Council to its governance committees are held by those committees and decisions are taken by those groups in accordance with the standing orders defined in the Ordinances. The Chair of each of these group carry responsibility for the majority decision where a single voice for reporting is required.

1 Council and the committees to which it delegates authority for governance decision-making (shaded blue and grey above) are concerned with GOVERNANCE. This means the approval of strategy and overall budget and the monitoring of implementation and progress against these.

2 The President and Principal and his/her direct reports and advisory groups (shaded red above) are concerned with EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT. This means the design of strategy and budget for approval by the Governors and the implementation of these within the overall approved envelope. (The President and Principal is a member of the Council and thus takes Governance actions in that capacity which are quite distinct from his/her executive actions).