

Notes of Meeting: East Midlands and Humber Headteacher Board

22 November 2018

Attendance*

RSC, Chair	John Edwards
Headteacher Board (HTB) Members	Chris Abbott Andrew Burns Andrew Child Anne Martin Paul Stone
DfE Senior Civil Servants	None
Guests	None
Apologies	Peter Bell Roisin Paul
*Attendance data is published annually on gov.uk	

General Discussion Points

Item	Discussion Point
Action points from previous meeting (Andrew Burns was not present for this item and did not receive papers)	John provided the board with an update on Brookfield School, previously discussed at the 25 th October board where the decision was escalated to the Minister. John informed the board that the Minister decided that the school should join Redhill Academy Trust. All parties involved are aware of the decision.

Discussion of projects, including decisions made by RSC with advice from HTB:

All decisions are made in reference to relevant legislation and the published criteria.

Converter Academy Orders

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Thorne Brook Primary School, Doncaster to join Venn Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires Improvement Ofsted judgement for the school in January 2017• Trust has a strong track record and has improved performance of schools already in the trust. It has capacity to take on challenging schools• Strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place at the trust and the impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered, noting Thorne Brook's pupil number projections and finances.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		

Marshland Primary School, Doncaster to join Venn Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires Improvement Ofsted judgement for the school in May 2017 • School applied earlier in the year to join another trust but Venn Academy Trust is considered to be a better match • Trust has a strong track record in school improvement and willing to take on challenging schools • Strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place at the trust and the impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered, noting Marshland's pupil number projections and finances. 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		

Woodseats Primary School, Sheffield to join Steel City School Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Ofsted judgement for the school in November 2016 • School and trust already working together – action plan in place to support the school • Trust capacity – improvement team in place to support teaching and learning • Woodseats Primary pupil number projections and financial viability considered. • The current and forecast financial position of Woodseats Primary. • Steel City School Partnership’s financial management and governance arrangements in place and the impact on the trust’s future financial health were considered if they take on this school. • Longer term the school will add capacity to the trust and grow the cluster in south Sheffield 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		

Holgate Meadows Foundation Special School, Sheffield to join Wellspring Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is in a federation with Heritage Park Foundation School • Ofsted judgement Good for the school in November 2016 • Holgate Meadows pupil number projections and finances noted, strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place at the trust and the impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered. • Update provided on the governance structure of Wellspring. Accountability lines are clear. Some changes to both trustees and members which bring in different expertise 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		

Heritage Park Foundation Special School, Sheffield to join Wellspring Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is in a federation with Holgate Meadows Foundation Special School • Ofsted judgement Good for the school in March 2015 • Heritage Park's pupil number projections and finances noted, strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place and the impact on the future financial health was considered. • Update provided on the governance structure of Wellspring. Accountability lines are clear and some changes to both trustees and members which bring in different expertise 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		

<p>The Lincoln St Christopher's School, Lincolnshire to join Community Inclusive Trust</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a federation with The St Francis Special School, Lincolnshire • School will add capacity to the trust • Trust has a good track record of school improvement - Ofsted ratings have improved for special schools which have previously joined the trust • Governance arrangements and financial management in place at the trust was considered. Noted St Christopher's pupil number projections, impact on finances and the trust's future financial health if they take on this school. • Trust is currently reviewing governance structure and expects to appoint some new members and trustees. Accountability lines are clear. 	<p>Approve</p>	<p>Peter Bell sent apologies for the meeting and did not receive papers for this item</p>
<p>Further Actions Required</p>	<p>Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.</p>		

<p>The St Francis Special School, Lincolnshire to join Community Inclusive Trust</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a federation with The Lincoln St Christopher's School, Lincolnshire • School will add capacity to the trust • Trust has a good track record of school improvement - Ofsted ratings have improved for special schools which have previously joined the trust • Governance arrangements and financial management in place at the trust. Noted St Francis's pupil number projections, finances and the impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered. • Trust is currently reviewing governance structure and expects to appoint some new members and trustees. Accountability lines are clear. 	<p>Approve</p>	<p>Peter Bell sent apologies for the meeting and did not receive papers for this item</p>
<p>Further Actions Required</p>	<p>Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.</p>		

The Saint Thomas Church of England Primary School, Lincolnshire to join Infinity Academies Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously deferred from 12 July meeting: Mixed MAT proposed bringing together community and faith (CoE) schools. • Clarification was required on whether the non-faith school should run a consultation exercise prior to adopting majority faith articles of association. Consultation has since taken place – no major issues raised. • Opportunity to grow the trust in this part of the region where there are relatively few trusts • Trust’s strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place and the impact on the future financial health was considered, noting Saint Thomas’s pupil number projections and finances. 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		

Wyberton Primary School, Lincolnshire to join Infinity Academies Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously deferred from 12 July meeting: Mixed MAT proposed bringing together community and faith (CoE) schools. • Clarification was required on whether the non-faith school should run a consultation exercise prior to adopting majority faith articles of association. Consultation has since taken place – no major issues raised. • Opportunity to grow the trust in this part of the region where there are relatively few trusts • Trust's strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place and the impact on the future financial health was considered, noting Wyberton's pupil number projections and finances. 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		

Sponsored Route

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Tupton Primary and Nursery School, Derbyshire to join Redhill Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofsted judgement Inadequate for the school in April 2018 • School is the feeder for Tupton Hall School, (secondary) which has already been approved to join Redhill Academy Trust • Trust has capacity to provide the level of school improvement required for this school. • The strength of trust's financial management and governance arrangements in place and the impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered, noting Tupton's pupil number projections and finances. • The HTB advised the RSC to make an award under the sponsored grant stream 	Approve	Andrew Burns was not present for this item and did not receive papers
Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform trust/school of the decision		

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Amber Valley & Erewash Support Centre, Derbyshire to join Esteem Multi-Academy Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Ernehale Infant School, Nottinghamshire to join Flying High Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Frithville Primary School, Lincolnshire to join Horncastle Education Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Gamesley Community Primary School, Derbyshire to join Victorious Academies Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Lakeside Community Primary School, Derby to join The Harmony Trust Ltd	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Loxley Primary School, Sheffield to join Peak Edge	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Minster School, Nottinghamshire to join Minster Trust for Education	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
New York Primary School, Lincolnshire to join Horncastle Education Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Oughtibridge Primary School, Sheffield to join Peak Edge	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

The Dearne Advanced Learning Centre, Barnsley to join Astrea Academy Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Oak Tree Primary, Nottinghamshire School to join Aspire Multi – Academy Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Westfield School, Sheffield to join Chorus Education Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	Roisin Paul sent apologies for the meeting and did not receive papers for this item
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Wilsthorpe Community School,Derbyshire to join The Two Counties Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Kiveton Park Infant School, Rotherham to join James Montgomery Academy Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Nook Lane Junior School, Sheffield to join Peak Edge	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Owston Park Primary, Doncaster to join The Rose Learning Trust	Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018 No issues were raised.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Sandringham Primary School, Doncaster to join Exceed Learning Partnership	<p>Proposed school opening date - 01/12/2018</p> <p>No issues were raised.</p>	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Significant Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
St Wilfred's Catholic Primary School (Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy Trust), Sheffield - to increase in capacity from 300 to 420, increase in PAN from 45 to 60 and a physical expansion of premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High performing school with Ofsted Outstanding October 2017 • Driver for expansion (basic need or parental preference) • Whether basic need funding is being provided by Sheffield local authority • The trust's financial management and governance including future financial health considered • Further information needed on St Wilfred's pupil number projections and finances. 	Defer with intention that decision be made at a future HTB meeting.	Roisin Paul sent apologies for the meeting and did not receive papers for this item
Further Actions Required	RSC Team to collate further detail of the driver for expansion, funding of the physical expansion, lagged funding impact on general annual grant and financial plan and bring to a future HTB meeting.		

Trust Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Kirby College, Nottinghamshire to join The Evolve Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether school remaining a single academy trust was a viable option. Joining a MAT would ensure greater sustainability and improve standards. • Financial cost to improve poor building conditions and improve performance at the school. • Capacity of Evolve Trust to provide required level of support, drawing from the secondary school improvement expertise in the trust. • Opportunity to develop multi-academy trusts in the area • Noted Kirby's pupil number projections and finances. Strength of financial management and governance arrangements at Evolve Trust and the impact on the trust's future financial health was considered. 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform trust/school of the decision		