

Notes of Meeting: East Midlands and Humber Headteacher Board

13 December 2018

Attendance*

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

General Discussion Points

Item	Discussion Point
KS2 performance tables	John informed HTB members of the publication of the 2018 KS2 performance data this morning
HTB transparency	HTB members informed John that they had not received any representations following the publication of the agenda for this meeting. John reiterated that members should inform the department if any are received for future meetings.
HTB membership	John noted that it was Chris Abbott's last HTB meeting and thanked her for her support and contribution to the East Midlands and Humber HTB over the last 4 years. Inderjit Sandhu of Scholars Academy Trust will replace Chris on HTB and will attend from 31 st January 2019.

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
Springwell Community College, Derbyshire to join Two Counties Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires Improvement Ofsted judgement April 2016• 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 Springwell's pupil number projections and finances• Trust already has a relationship with the school and is providing support. It also has clear plans to strengthen its deployment and support to the school.• The trust plans to develop its school improvement support offer and expertise across the trust as it takes on more schools• The HTB advised the RSC to make an award under the sponsored grant stream	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform the school and trust of the decision.		

Sponsored Route

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Thurlby Community Primary School, Lincolnshire to join Keystone Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofsted Inadequate September 2018 • A representation was received for this school and was considered as part of the discussion • Trust has capacity to support improvement and provide teaching and leadership support • 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 Thurlby's pupil number projections and finances. 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform the school and trust of the decision.		

Sponsor Application

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Keystone MAT, Lincolnshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place at the trust was considered. Trust has plan to increase number of trustees • Opportunity to grow the trust in this part of the region where there are relatively few trusts • Individuals at the trust have a strong track record in school improvement. Trust has capacity to provide the level of school improvement required for this school 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform the trust of the decision.		

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Aldercar Infant School, Derbyshire to join Embark	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Derby St Chad's CofE (VC) Nursery and Infant School, Derby to join Derby Diocesan Academy Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Griffe Field Primary School, Derby to join Derby Diocesan Academy Trust 2	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Heanor Langley Infant School & Nursery, Derbyshire to join Djanogly Learning Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Heath Primary School, Derbyshire to join Embark	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Horsley Woodhouse Primary School, Derbyshire to join Embark	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Howitt Primary Community School, Derbyshire to join Embark	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Kilburn Junior School, Derbyshire to join Embark	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 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 – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Walton-on-Trent CofE School, Derbyshire to join John Taylor MAT	Proposed school opening date – 01/01/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Trust Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Bourne Westfield Primary Academy, Lincolnshire and Tower Road Academy, Lincolnshire to form Keystone Academy Trust (x 2 SAT to MAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bourne Westfield Primary Academy Ofsted Outstanding June 2014. School's results show performance above national average for 2018 Tower Road Academy Ofsted Good March 2014. School's results show performance above national average for 2018. Strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place at the trust was considered 	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform the school and trust of the decision.		

Decisions taken by another RSC

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Silverdale School, Chorus Education Trust, Sheffield – increase in capacity from 180 to 240 pupils increasing intake in year 7 from 2019.	Significant Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strength of financial management and capacity in the trust was considered. The need in the local area and the impact on other schools was considered 	Decline – This decision was declined because there was insufficient evidence at this time to support the expansion.	Decision was taken by Lancashire and West Yorkshire headteacher board on the 13 th December, due to a conflict of interest with the East Midlands and Humber RSC
Further Actions Required	Project lead to contact the trust to inform them of the decision.		

<p>1, All Saints RC School, York.</p> <p>2, Our Lady and St Peter RC Primary School, East Riding.</p> <p>3, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs RC VA Primary School, York</p> <p>4, St Aelred's RC VA Primary School, York</p> <p>5, St George's RC Primary School, York</p> <p>6, St John of Beverley RC Primary School, Beverley, East Riding</p> <p>7, St Mary & St Joseph RC VA Primary School, East Riding</p>	<p>Convertor Academy Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 17 primary schools and 3 secondary schools are spread across three local authorities (LAs) – North Yorkshire (11), East Riding of Yorkshire (4) and York (5). The proposed MAT will operate a hub model with the three secondary schools being the focal points for each hub. • The board discussed governance, and there were no concerns raised. • There is clear financial rational around the creation of the MAT, however, the board thought that some financial forecasts might be a little optimistic although they were very pleased to see a proactive plan in place. • The board discussed the strategic school improvement plans and agreed that they are clear and comprehensive; however, the lack of CEO in post caused concern. The board was advised that the CEO & COO positions will be advertised nationally, and successful candidates will be identified by late January. The board agreed that these positions need to be filled as a matter of priority. • RSC agreed that all 20 schools could convert and form St Margaret Clitherow Catholic MAT 	<p>Approve</p>	<p>Decision was taken by North headteacher board on the 13th December, due to the majority of schools forming the MAT are based in the North region.</p>
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8, St Mary's RC Primary School, East Riding 9, St Wilfrid's RC Primary School, York			
Further Actions Required	Project lead to contact the trust to inform them of the decision.		

List of projects listed on the published draft agenda, but were removed before the meeting

Project	Reason taken off the agenda:
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	Further information is required before the item is discussed by the board