

Notes of Meeting: East of England and North East London Headteacher Board

17th January 2019

Attendance*

RSC, Chair	Sue Baldwin	Guests	None
Headteacher Board (HTB) Members	Tom Canning (HTB) Diane Rochford (HTB) Caroline Derbyshire (HTB) Karen Kerridge (HTB) Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne (HTB) Duncan Ramsey (HTB)	Apologies** Brian Conway (HTB)	
DfE Senior Civil Servants	Claire Mycock (Deputy Director) Alan Parnum (Deputy Director)	*Attendance data is published annually on gov.uk **Members of the board who apologised have been consulted on all projects, where available, prior to the meeting (excluding items where there were conflicts). Their views are reflected in the discussion at the meeting (where appropriate).	

General Discussion Points

Item	Discussion Point
RSC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brief discussion around Alternative Provision Schools across the East of England and North East London region, with the decision that the board would benefit from scheduling a presentation from an Alternative Provision specialist.

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
Powers Hall Infant School, Essex, North Essex Multi Academy Trust (NEMAT)	<p>The current close working relationship between Powers Hall and NEMAT and the benefits that continuing this relationship would bring.</p> <p>The strength of governance of the Trust</p> <p>Finances in both the trust and school and the impact this would have on the future success of Powers Hall.</p> <p>The experienced senior leadership team at the trust. The need to ensure that this conversion did not separate the Infant and Junior Schools across two different MATs. The implications of this in respect to curriculum planning and parental engagement were discussed at length.</p>	Defer	
Further Actions Require	RSC office to meet with Local Governing Body to discuss the project further and resolve questions that were raised at the HTB meeting.		

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Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Thurrock, to join Christus Catholic Multi-academy Trust	The HTB considered information pertaining to the academic performance of St Mary's, the financial position of the school and trust, and the growth plans of the Diocese of Brentwood. The conversion proposal was agreed without comment.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	School and Trust to be informed		
Mildmay Infant School, Essex, joining the Bridge Academy Trust	The HTB considered information pertaining academic performance, governance arrangements and the financial strength of the trust. The conversion proposal was agreed without comment.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	School and Trust to be informed		

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St Pancras Catholic Primary School, Suffolk, to join Our Lady of Walsingham Multi-academy Trust	The HTB considered information pertaining academic performance, the Diocesan plans for forming Deenery MATs and the financial strength of the school .The conversion proposal was agreed without comment.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	School and Trust to be informed		

Trust Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Academy Transfer of Felixstowe Academy and Langer Primary, Suffolk, from Academies Enterprise Trust to Unity Schools Partnership	<p>The potential trust options who had expressed an interest in this school .</p> <p>The impact of Unity in this part of the region.</p> <p>The strength of Unity's governance and the trust's recent record of school improvement.</p> <p>The quality and stength of Unity's SEND offer</p>	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	Schools and Trust to be informed.		

Significant Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Meadow Primary School, Cambridgeshire, change to age range	The HTB considered information pertaining parental demand for wrap around care and the desire for the school to amend its age range to allow three year olds to attend the after school club. The proposal was agreed without comment.	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	School to be informed		