

Notes of Meeting: East Midlands and Humber Headteacher Board

14 February 2019

Attendance*

RSC, Chair	John Edwards	Guests
Headteacher Board (HTB) Members	Andrew Burns Andrew Child Anne Martin Inderjit Sandhu Peter Bell Paul Stone Roisin Paul	Apologies**
DfE Senior Civil Servants	Carol Gray	ESFA Representative present for this meeting

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
All Saints CofE VC Infant School, East Riding of Yorkshire to join Ebor Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place at the trust was discussed. The impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered, noting All Saints CofE VC Infant School pupil number projections and finances• The school will join the trust's cluster of academies already established on the East Coast• Trust is already working with the school and has a school improvement plan in place	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision		
All Saints CofE Junior School, East Riding of Yorkshire to join Ebor Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place at the trust was discussed. The impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered, noting All Saints CofE VC Junior School pupil number projections and finances• The school will join the trust's cluster of academies already established on the East Coast• Trust is already working with the school and has a school improvement plan in place	Approve	

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Norton Infant School, Doncaster to join XP School Trust Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust has capacity to grow – lead XP school is rated outstanding by Ofsted (July, 2017) • Representations had been received in relation to Norton Infant School joining XP School trust and were considered as part of the discussion • Impact on education provision in the local community was considered • School has explored local academy options and staying as a maintained school. Wants to join XP School Trust and learn from their innovative approach to learning and education • Norton Infant's 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 	Approve	
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	<p>their innovative approach to learning and education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will add capacity to the trust Norton Junior's 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 		
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Worsborough Common Primary School, Barnsley to join Hoyland Common Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School is rated requires improvement by Ofsted, (November 2018) School and trust already working together via Tykes Teaching School Alliance. Clear school improvement plans in place to support the school Joining a strong trust will strengthen the school's governance 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 Worsborough's pupil number projections and finances 	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Richard Bonington Primary and Nursery School, Nottinghamshire to join Equals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance arrangements and financial management in place at the trust were considered. Trust using Integrated Curriculum Financial Planning to make efficiencies Noted Richard Bonington's pupil number projections, impact on finances and the trust's future financial health if they take on this 	Defer – School Improvement strategy to be confirmed	Andrew Burns was not present and did not receive papers for this item

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Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> school School will add capacity to the trust A request was made for the trust to provide a detailed School improvement strategy 		
Further Actions Required	RSC team to request further information relating to the school improvement strategy and finance model from the trust.		
Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School, Derbyshire to join John Taylor Multi Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Junior school is a single academy trust Trust is based in West Midlands region, RSC has confirmed content for trust to grow Church Gresley's 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 	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Ravensdale Junior School, Derby to join Transform Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust has capacity and expertise at primary level Financial assessment of school taken into consideration and the impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered, noting Ravensdale's pupil number projections and finances 	Approve	

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Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Carlyle Infant and Nursery School, Derby to join The Harmony Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will become part of the trust's Derby hub of schools, adding capacity to the trust Trust is based in Lancashire and West Yorkshire region, RSC has confirmed content for trust to grow 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 Carlyle's pupil number projections and finances 	Approve with Conditions, financial model to be revised to include both schools joining Harmony Trust (Hackwood and Carlyle)	
Further Actions Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		

Free School Presumption – Sponsor Approval

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Hackwood Farm Primary, Derby to join The Harmony Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will become part of the trust's Derby hub of schools Trust is based in Lancashire and West Yorkshire region, RSC has confirmed content for trust to grow 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 Financial model reviewed but does not include the impact of this school or Carlyle joining the trust 	Approve with Conditions, financial model to be revised to include both schools joining Harmony Trust (Hackwood and Carlyle)	
Further Actions Required	Free Schools Group to confirm with the LA that the RSC is content with their recommendation		

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Asterdale Primary School, Derby to join Odyssey Collaborative Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Borrow Wood Primary School, Derby to join Odyssey Collaborative Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Empingham CofE Primary School, Rutland to join The Rutland Learning Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None

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Further Actions Required	No action required		
Great Casterton CofE Primary School, Rutland to join The Rutland Learning Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Hollywell Primary School, Nottinghamshire to join The East Midlands Education Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Rufforth Primary School, York to join Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None

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Further Actions Required	No action required		
Sir Jonathan North Community College, Leicester to join Lionheart Academies Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Springfield Primary School, Derby to join Odyssey Collaborative Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Uppingham CofE Primary School, Rutland to join The Rutland Learning Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None

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Further Actions Required	No action required		
Wath Comprehensive School: A Language College, Rotherham to join Maltby Learning Trust	Proposed school opening date – 01/03/2019 None	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Significant Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
St Wilfrid's Primary School, Sheffield physical expansion of the school increasing capacity from 300 – 420	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation carried out with the local community, parent responses have been supportive • Data from Sheffield local authority does not demonstrate a case for basic need places in the local area in the future • Surplus places are available at schools in the local area • Funding of the places is based on the school having a successful Condition Improvement Fund bid 	Decline	Roisin Paul was not present and did not receive papers for this item
Further Actions Required	Project Lead to inform trust/school of the decision		
Rushey Mead Academy, Leicester to reduce the 2019 Year 7 PAN from 378 to 324	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAN originally increased at the request of the Local Authority due to investment made available for new buildings. A reversal of the investment means the school cannot take on extra pupils without the additional building • Consultation has been carried out with the local community 	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform trust/school of the decision		

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

Project	Reason taken off the agenda:
Ranskill Primary School, Nottinghamshire, change of age range from 5-11 to 2-11	A full local consultation is to take place before a decision can be reached