

Notes of Meeting: East Midlands and Humber Head teacher Board

14 March 2019

Attendance*

RSC, Chair	John Edwards	Guests
Head teacher Board (HTB) Members	Andrew Burns Andrew Child Anne Martin Inderjit Sandhu Peter Bell Roisin Paul	Apologies** Paul Stone
DfE Senior Civil Servants	Carol Gray ESFA Representative	*Attendance data is published annually on gov.uk

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
Thorpe Hesley Primary School, Rotherham to join Creative Children's Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case previously deferred from 12th July 2018 HTB pending further information on trust governance• Further information on trust governance provided assurance that the trust has capacity to take on this school• The impact of the proposed change on the finances and financial management and governance on the school and trust, in order to seek assurance about the long term, sustainable financial health of the individual school and the MAT• Strong skills and school improvement expertise across the trust noted, together with the in-depth knowledge of the local area	Approve	
Further Action Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Redscope Primary School, Rotherham to join Creative Children's Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case previously deferred from 12th July 2018 HTB pending further information on trust governance• Further information on trust governance provided assurance that the trust has capacity to take on this school• The impact of the proposed change on the finances and financial management and governance on the school and trust, in order to seek assurance about the long term, sustainable financial health	Approve	

	<p>of the individual school and the MAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong skills and school improvement expertise across the trust noted, together with the in-depth knowledge of the local area 		
Further Action Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Brinsworth Howarth Primary School, Rotherham to join Children's Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong skills and expertise across the trust with an in-depth knowledge of the local area recognised Further assurances confirmed surrounding trust board Financial impact and sustainable financial impact of the trust considered as part of this decision 	Approve	
Further Action Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Thorne Moorends West Road Primary School, Doncaster to join Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity and leadership structure of the new trust was discussed including the requirement for strong financial modelling and succession planning Health assessment and financial sustainability of trust taken into consideration assuring long term viability 	Approve	
Further Action Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Kestrels' Field Primary School, Leicester to join The Mead Educational Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strength of financial management 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 Kestrels' Field Primary School's pupil number projections 	Approve	

Further Action Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Braunstone Frith Primary School, Leicester to join LiFE Multi Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear school improvement plan in place. • Opportunity to grow the trust at primary level was discussed • Financial management at the trust and the impact on the trust's future financial health if they take on this school was considered 	Approve	
Further Action Required	Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.		
Bilborough Sixth Form College, Nottingham to join Better Futures Multi-Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofsted report confirmed Bilborough College has improved and is now rated good • Strength of financial management was considered and the impact on the trust's financial health if they take on this college • The future growth of the trust and timeline of potential projects was discussed together with the trust's post 16 improvement capacity. Further clarity on how post 16 improvement will be delivered was needed, together with the trust's long-term financial strategy. 	Defer – further update on post 16 improvement strategy and financial planning	
Further Action Required	RSC team to request further information relating to the post 16 improvement strategy and financial planning from the trust.		
Richard Bonington Primary and Nursery School, Nottinghamshire to join Equals Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Improvement arrangements were considered • Further clarification on the deployment of education support confirmed a new hub structure as part of the strategy for School Improvement • Strength of financial management in place at the trust and the impact on the trust's financial health was considered 	Approve	Andrew Burns was not present and did not receive papers for this item
Further Action 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
Cavendish Primary School, Kingston-upon-Hull to be sponsored by Horizon Academy Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The growth of trusts in the local area was considered with the emphasis on support for school improvement, financial viability, leadership and capacity The trust has an onsite presence and strong capacity to lead and support the school 	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Trust to be informed of the decision		

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Arnesby Church of England Primary School, Leicestershire	<p>Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019</p> <p>No issues were raised</p>	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Beaufort Community Primary School, Derby	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Chellaston Infant School, Derby	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Chellaston Junior School, Derby	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Cherry Tree Hill Primary School, Derby	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Croft Church of England Primary School, Leicestershire	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary (VA) School, Nottinghamshire	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Green Lane Infant School, Leicester	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Highfields Primary School, Leicester	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Holme Hall Primary School,	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019	Approve	None

Derbyshire	No issues were raised		
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Langold Dyscarr Community School, Nottinghamshire	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Manorfield CofE Primary School Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Portway Junior School, Derby	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Sparkenhoe Community	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019	Approve	None

Primary School, Leicester	No issues were raised		
Further Actions Required	No action required		
St Peter's CofE Primary School Whetstone, Leicestershire	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Uplands Infant School, Leicester	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Wath Comprehensive School: A Language College, Rotherham	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Marshland Primary School, Doncaster	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None

Further Actions Required	No action required		
The Saint Thomas' Church of England School, Lincolnshire	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Thorne Brooke Primary School, Doncaster	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		
Wyberton Primary School, Lincolnshire	Proposed school opening date – 01/04/2019 No issues were raised	Approve	None
Further Actions Required	No action required		

Significant Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
University Academy Holbeach physical expansion of premises increase of capacity from 1220 to 1520	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital and revenue funding routes available for this project were considered Local Authority to part fund Holbeach increase in Pupil Admission Numbers and physical expansion of premises if approved. Projection of admissions and pupil numbers was discussed and without physical expansion for an increase in PAN there would be a shortfall in provision in the area 	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform trust/school of the decision.		
Nottingham Academy, Nottingham to split into two separate sites with two separate URNs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum advantages of separating into two sites was discussed Strength of financial management in place at the trust was considered, together with the impact on the trust's future financial health if both schools were separated The proposal met the relevant criteria with regards to the proposal's impact on educational vision, curriculum and teaching, capacity and capability, funding costs and admissions 	Approve	

Further Actions Required	Project lead to inform trust/school of the decision.
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Trust Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Hungerhill School, Doncaster - to form Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (SAT to MAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity and leadership structure of the new trust was discussed including the requirement for strong financial modelling and succession planning Health assessment and financial sustainability of trust taken into consideration assuring long term viability 	Approve	
Further Action Required	Trust to be informed of the decision		

Barnby Dun Primary Academy, Doncaster to form Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (SAT to MAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity and leadership structure of the new trust was discussed including the requirement for strong financial modelling and succession planning Health assessment and financial sustainability of trust taken into consideration assuring long term viability 	Approve	
Further Action Required	Trust to be informed of the decision.		
Dunsville Primary School, Doncaster to form Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (SAT to MAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity and leadership structure of the new trust was discussed including the requirement for strong financial modelling and succession planning Health assessment and financial sustainability of trust taken into consideration assuring long term viability 	Approve	
Further Action Required	Trust to be informed of the decision.		

Kirk Sandall Junior School, Doncaster to form Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (MAT to MAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity and leadership structure of the new trust was discussed including the requirement for strong financial modelling and succession planning Health assessment and financial sustainability of trust taken into consideration assuring long term viability 	Approve	
Further Action Required	Trust to be informed of the decision.		
Kirk Sandall Infant School, Doncaster to form Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust (MAT to MAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity and leadership structure of the new trust was discussed including the requirement for strong financial modelling and succession planning Health assessment and financial sustainability of trust taken into consideration assuring long term viability 	Approve	
Further Action Required	Trust to be informed of the decision		

Winifred Holtby, Kingston-upon-Hull to join The Consortium Academy Trust (SAT to MAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength of financial management and governance arrangements in place at the trust was considered. Trust using ICFP to make efficiencies identifying potential savings and centralising back office functions • Trust has strong track record at secondary level and building capacity to support its schools • School and trust already working together 	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Trust to be informed of the decision.		

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

Project	Reason taken off the agenda:
Long Sutton Primary School, Lincolnshire	Financial situation to be determined