

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

14th March 2019

Attendance*

RSC, Chair	Sue Baldwin	Guests	None
Headteacher Board (HTB) Members	Tom Canning (HTB) Brian Conway (HTB) Caroline Derbyshire (HTB) Karen Kerridge (HTB) Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne (HTB) Duncan Ramsey (HTB)	Apologies** Diane Rochford (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	<p>The RSC informed the HTB that a potential new co-opted member is being considered to join the Board.</p> <p>The Note of Meeting for the February HTB meeting were agreed.</p> <p>No representations have been received for any projects on this meeting's agenda.</p>

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
Maidstone Infants and Causton Junior Schools, Suffolk to join the Seckford Foundation	<p>The HTB discussed the background, current situation and performance of the Trust.</p> <p>The HTB discussed primary capacity within the Trust and whether it can supply primary development and support.</p> <p>Decision to approve the project is conditional on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The trust is to provide a financial package for school improvement2. The RSC to review governance arrangements with the Trust	Approve with conditions	
Further Actions Require	Schools and Trust to be informed.		
North Walsham High School, Norfolk, to join Enrich Learning Trust	<p>The HTB discussed the background to the Trusts and its previous record of effective school improvement.</p> <p>The HTB commented on both strong governance and the strong financial position of the Trust.</p>	Approve	

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Further Actions Require	Schools and Trust to be informed.		

Sponsored Route

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
The discussion of a sponsor options paper which will seek to determine the best sponsorship option for Little Thurrock Primary School, Thurrock .	<p>The HTB discussed the sponsor options for Little Thurrock Primary School. They considered the performance of the schools in the trusts, the school improvement support, finance, leadership and governance</p> <p>They discussed the capacity of each sponsor to support to the school and in particular the trusts capacity for primary school improvement. It was agreed that Osbourne Co-operative Academy Trust was the preferred sponsor</p>	Approve	
Further Actions Required	<p>School and trust to be informed.</p> <p>Feedback to unsuccessful trust to be offered</p>		

Trust Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Bungay High School, Suffolk, Farlingaye High School, Suffolk, and Kesgrave High School, Suffolk, SATs to form the EaST Anglian Schools MAT.	<p>The HTB reviewed material relating to the individual trusts and the proposed new Multi Academy Trust.</p> <p>The project was agreed without further discussion.</p>	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Trusts to be informed.		

Significant Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Sole Bay Primary School to be allowed to retrospectively change age range of school.	The HTB discussed the need for parents to have a choice of nursery provision, the length of time the nursery had been in place and the responses to the consultation.	Approve	
Further Actions Required	Trust to be informed		