

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

25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Attendance\*

RSC, Chair	Sue Baldwin (RSC)	Guests
Headteacher Board (HTB) Members	Tom Canning (HTB)	Apologies**
	Brian Conway (HTB)	Al Kingsley (HTB)
	Caroline Derbyshire (HTB)	Claire Mycock (Deputy Director)
	Karen Kerridge (HTB)	
	Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne (HTB)	
	Duncan Ramsey (HTB)	
	Diane Rochford (HTB)	
	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 Note of Meeting for the March HTB meeting were agreed.</p> <p>No representations have been received for any projects on this meeting's agenda.</p> <p>The HTB received a presentation on Alternative Provision from Mark Vickers (Olive Academies). HTB members asked questions and discussed a number of points raised.</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
St Peter's Catholic Primary, Essex to join the Christus Catholic Trust	The HTB considered information pertaining to the governance arrangements of the Trust and performance data. The conversion proposal was agreed without comment.	Approve	None
<b>Further Actions Require</b>	School and Trust to be informed.		
St Laurence's Catholic Primary School, Cambridgeshire, to join Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic MAT	The HTB considered information pertaining to the governance arrangements of the Trust and performance data. The conversion proposal was agreed without comment.	Approve	None
<b>Further Actions Require</b>	School and Trust to be informed.		
Finchingfield Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Essex, to join Canonium Learning Trust.	The HTB considered information pertaining to the governance arrangements of the Trust and performance data. The conversion proposal was agreed without comment.	Approve	None
<b>Further Actions Require</b>	School and Trust to be informed.		

## Sponsored Route

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Roxwell Church of England VC Primary, Essex, to be sponsored by Life Education Trust	The HTB discussed the background to the school, the Ofsted judgement and the Trust's capacity to drive the required improvement. The HTB agreed that this was a suitable school for the Trust as a new sponsor.	Approve	None
<b>Further Actions Required</b>	School and Trust to be informed.		
Great Welnetham Primary, Suffolk to be sponsored by All Saints Trust.	The HTB discussed the demographic and geographical fit of the school with the Trust, school improvement capacity and trust governance structures. School finances were reviewed alongside the Trust's financial plan.	Approve	None
<b>Further Actions Required</b>	<p>School and trust to be informed.</p> <p>The RSC is to seek Clarity around Trust governance arrangements.</p>		

## Sponsor Application

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Life Education Trust to become a sponsor	The HTB discussed the Trust's capacity for school improvement and the need to strengthen this offer. Trust finances and pupil attendance were discussed and considered potential areas of concern that should be raised with the Trust.	Approve	None
<b>Further Actions Required</b>	Trust to be informed		

## Significant Change

Project	HTB discussed:	RSC Decision	Conflicts
Newmarket Academy, Suffolk, to close sixth form.	The HTB discussed the regional context to the request to close the sixth form provision, and how this would impact on choice for students	Approve	Ian Jacobs (DfE) was not present for this discussion.
<b>Further Actions Required</b>	Trust to be informed		

<b>Project</b>	<b>HTB discussed:</b>	<b>RSC Decision</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>
Templars Primary School, Essex, add nursery.	The HTB discussed pupil numbers at the school, the Trust's finances and the rationale for the requested addition of the nursery.	Approve	None
<b>Further Actions Required</b>	Trust to be informed		
<b>For discussion only</b> – The Wickford CE School, Essex, to increase age range from 2-7 to 2-11.	The HTB discussed the background to the Trust and the context of the request. The HTB acknowledged that the Trust had successfully taken on some challenging schools. The HTB considered the financial implications of creating further school places against the provision of a wider choice for parents and children in the area.	None	None
<b>Further Actions Required</b>	RSC to consult further with the NSC		