**Notes of Meeting: East Midlands and Humber Headteacher Board**

09 January 2020

**Attendance***

Meeting attendees including the Chair, Headteacher Board members, guests, and apologies from board members who were unable to attend.

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<th>RSC, Chair</th>
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<td>John Edwards</td>
<td>Andrew Child, Inderjit Sandhu, Anne Martin, Paul West, Paul Stone</td>
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**Apologies**

Peter Bell
DfE Senior Civil Servants Carol Gray
ESFA Representative

*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 **

Points discussed in the meeting.

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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.

Sponsored Route

Points discussed in relation to a school’s sponsor status

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| West Gate School, Leicester, sponsor match options | • Inadequate Ofsted rating since October 2018.  
• Geography was discussed. Discovery Schools Academies Trust (DSAT) considered closer, however Community Inclusive Trust (CIT) not deemed prohibitively far away.  
• CIT has proven track record of school improvement in special schools and has moved special schools previously causing concern to LAs to an Ofsted Outstanding rating.  
• CIT has the expertise and capacity to get schools back on track quickly and drive rapid improvement.  
• The financial health of the school; strength of financial management and governance at DSAT and CIT and the impact on these trusts of this school joining it was considered. | Approve Community Inclusive Trust as Sponsor | Paul Stone and Peter Bell were not present for this item and did not receive the papers |
| Further Actions Required | Trust to be informed of decision | | |
## Significant Change

Points discussed in relation to approving significant changes to academies.

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| Thomas Cowley High School, Lincolnshire, to increase capacity from 600* to 700, and a physical expansion of premises. | - School is rated Ofsted Good, June 2017.  
- Proposal at request of Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to expand physical capacity by building new classroom block and increasing capacity to 700.  
- Required to meet forecast increase in demand for in South East area of county.  
- Temporary accommodation considered but deemed not viable option.  
- Nearest school has capacity, but is nine miles away.  
- The financial health of the school; strength of financial management and governance at the trust and the impact on the trust’s future financial health of this school expansion was considered  
- Recommended a review of governance strategy. | Approve | None |

### Further Actions Required

Project Lead to inform school of the decision

*Existing capacity now confirmed as 600 as set out in funding agreement*
List of projects listed on the published draft agenda, but were removed before the meeting

List of projects that were on the published agenda but not discussed at the meeting.

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<td>Greaseborough Primary School, Rotherham</td>
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