



Notes of Meeting: Lancashire and West Yorkshire Headteacher Board

24th September 2020

Attendance

Attendance data is published annually on the GOV.UK website.

HTB members who apologised have been consulted on all projects, where available, before the meeting. This excludes items where there were conflicts. Their views are reflected in the discussion at the meeting (where appropriate).

Regional school commissioner (RSC) chair

- Vicky Beer (RSC)

Headteacher board (HTB) members

- Duncan Jacques
- Karen Bramwell
- Julie Bradley
- Jonathan Nichols
- Lesley Gwinnett
- Chris Melia
- Julian Appleyard

Guests

- none

Apologies

- none

DfE senior civil servants

- ESFA Representatives

General discussion points

- RSC welcomed board members to the meeting
- RSC thanked board members for agreeing to extend their HTB tenures following delays to HTB elections due to the COVID pandemic

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 Order

Project: Kirkheaton Primary School, Kirklees – to convert and join South Pennine Academies

HTB discussion:

- The Board supported this proposal
- Board members were confident with the additional capacity this would provide the trust

RSC decision: Approved

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: Academy Order to be sent to Chair of Governors. Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.

Trust Change

Project: The Dunham Trust, Trafford – to join Bright Futures Educational Trust

HTB discussion:

- The board members supported this recommendation, agreeing that this was a positive move for both trusts

RSC decision: Approved

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

Sponsored Route

Project: St Matthew's Roman Catholic High School, Manchester – to convert and join Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust

HTB discussion:

- Board members discussed the support options available to the trust
- Clarity on lines of accountability required
- Diocese to consider what other levers and mitigations they can use to add further capacity

RSC decision: Approved

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.

Project: Hindley High School, Wigan – to convert and join Outwood Grange Academy Trust

HTB discussion:

- The board discussed the influence the North West cluster of trusts could have on this transfer.
- Expectation that both schools convert and are managed simultaneously
- Karen Bramwell has offered to provide the school and trust with support alongside ESFA

RSC decision: Approved

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.

Project: Haydock High School, St Helens – to convert and join Outwood Grange Academy Trust

HTB discussion:

- The board discussed the influence the North West cluster of trusts could have on this transfer.
- Expectation that both schools convert and are managed simultaneously
- Karen Bramwell has offered to provide the school and trust with support alongside ESFA

RSC decision: Approved

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: Trust and DCS to be informed of decision.