



Department  
for Education

## Notes of Meeting: Lancashire and West Yorkshire Headteacher Board

19<sup>th</sup> November 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

### Apologies

- Julian Appleyard

### DfE senior civil servants

- ESFA Representatives

## **General discussion points**

- RSC welcomed board members to the meeting
- Vicky Beer provided a COVID 19 local update (as of 19 November 2020) to the board
- DfE officials provided the board with an update on the MAT Capacity Strategy

## 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:** St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College, Bradford - to convert and join Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust

**HTB discussion:**

- 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.

**Project:** St Claire's Catholic Primary School, Bradford - to convert and join Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust

**HTB discussion:**

- 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.

**Project:** St Matthew's Catholic Primary School, Bradford - to convert and join Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust

**HTB discussion:**

- 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.

## **Sponsor Application**

**Project:** Stamford Park Trust, Tameside – sponsor application update

**RSC decision:** For discussion only

**Conflicts:** N/A

**Further actions required:** N/A

## 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.