



Department
for Education

Notes of Meeting: Lancashire and West Yorkshire Headteacher Board

11 February 2021

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
- Julian Appleyard

Apologies

- Chris Melia

DfE senior civil servants

- ESFA Representatives

General discussion points

- RSC welcomed board members to the meeting
- RSC provided a COVID 19 local update (as of 11 February 2021) to the board
- The board members reflected on the impact the pandemic has had on their schools and the wider community

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.

Trust Change

Project: Discussion to consider the voluntary transfer of Rainbow Primary School, Bradford, to join Star Academies

HTB discussion:

- Board members supported this recommendation
- The board reflected on the existing primary schools in Bradford, agreeing that this would add to a positive cluster of schools
- The board reflected on the best practice model for trust governance in which trustees and member boards are entirely separate
- The board requested a progress update towards entirely separate trustee and members boards ahead of the 2021/22 academic year
- SRMA to be deployed at the school within 3 months of the completed transfer date

RSC decision: Approved

Conflicts: The following board members were not present during this discussion

- Julie Bradley
- Duncan Jacques

Further actions required: Project lead to inform Trust of decision.

Project: Discussion to consider Townfield Primary School voluntary transfer to Rainbow Education MAT

HTB discussion:

- The project lead sought an approval in principal from the RSC for this voluntary transfer
- The board reflected on the support the trust have provided the school with during the pandemic
- The board members supported this recommendation
- The board reflected on the trust's positive performance and the added advantage of the trust's teaching school hub

RSC decision: Approved in principal

Conflicts: The following board members were not present during this discussion

Jonathan Nichols

Further actions required: N/A

Sponsor Application

Project: Discussion to consider QEGS Blackburn Academy Trust, Blackburn with Darwen, to become an academy sponsor

HTB discussion:

- The board reflected on the trust's current finances to support schools joining them
- RSC to reconsider sponsors status once the trust presents a firm growth proposal

RSC decision: Approved to become a Multi-Academy Trust and to move from an all-through to a separate primary and 11-18 provision.

Conflicts: The following board members were not present during this discussion

Julie Bradley

Further actions required: Project lead to inform Trust and DCS of decision.

Discussion on Academy, Free School, UTC and Studio Performance (Not for decision)

Project: Discussion to consider Savio Salesian College and Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School to convert and join Archdiocese of Liverpool Secondary School Academy Trust

HTB discussion:

- HTB accepted the update about the conversion of Savio Salesian College and St Edmund Arrowsmith

RSC decision: FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: N/A