



Notes of Meeting: NWLSC Headteacher Board

Tuesday 26 January 2021

Attendance

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

HTB members who sent apologies for absence 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

- Dame Kate Dethridge

Headteacher board (HTB) members

- Sarah Bennett
- Dame Yasmin Bevan
- Dame Sue Bourne
- Sarah Brown
- Dr Jamie Clarke
- Claire Robins OBE

Guests

- N/A

Apologies

- N/A

DfE senior civil servants

- Jo Thomas, Deputy Director NWLSC

General discussion points

- The December HTB meeting notes were agreed at the meeting.
- There were no conflicts of interests for the Headteacher Board members.

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.

West Sub-Region

Sponsor Application

Whether to approve an application from Chiltern Hills Academy, **Buckinghamshire**, to become an academy sponsor.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the trust's school improvement strategy.
- HTB members discussed the the governance structure of the trust.
- HTB members discussed the need to seek further information from the Local Authority.

RSC decision: Decline.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform parties of the RSC decision.

London Sub-region

Significant Change

Whether to approve a retrospective significant change application from Ark Elvin Academy, **Brent**, to expand its age range from 11-16 to 11-18, and re-open its 6th Form.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the finances of the Ark Elvin Academy.
- HTB members discussed the expertise on the trust's board.
- HTB members discussed the projected pupil numbers and capacity at the academy.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform parties of the RSC decision.

Decisions taken between HTB meetings

- Project: Significant change application by Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust to approve expansion of Wallingford School, **Oxfordshire**, to increase the the pupil admission number from 216 to 242 from 2022/23.
RSC decision: Approve.
- Project: Significant change application by Newbury Academy Trust to approve the expansion of Trinity School, **West Berkshire**, to increase the Pupil Admission Number from 187 to 210 from 2021/22.
RSC decision: Approve.
- Project: Significant change application for the PAN of Henlow Church of England Academy, **Central Bedfordshire**, to be reduced from 140 to 60 in 2021/22.
RSC decision: Approve.

Projects listed on the published draft agenda but were removed before the meeting

- N/A