



## Notes of Meeting: NWLSC Headteacher Board

Wednesday 25 November 2020

### 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 in attendance

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

### Guests

- None

### Apologies

- None

### DfE senior civil servants

- Jo Thomas

### General discussion points

- The October HTB meeting notes were agreed at the meeting.
- There was a conflict of interest for Dame Yasmin Bevan for item 1.1; Dr Jamie Clarke and Sarah Bennett for item 1.2. These members left the virtual meeting during those items.
- Claire Robins had a conflict of interest for item 1.3 and so did not make any comments on this item.
- It was highlighted at the meeting that a previous member of the NWLSC HTB is CEO for item 1.1.

## 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

- Whether to approve an Academy Order for Stopsley High School, Luton, to join Middlesex Learning Trust.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the school improvement structure and finances of MLT.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: Dame Yasmin Bevan.

Further Actions required: Inform parties of the RSC decision.

### Free School Presumption – Sponsor Approval

- Whether or not to approve the Local Authority's preferred sponsor for the Towcester South Primary, Northamptonshire, presumption project.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members had no comments on this project.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: Dr Jamie Clarke and Sarah Bennett.

Further Actions required: Inform parties of the RSC decision.

### Significant Change

- Whether to approve the Milbrook Primary School, Oxfordshire, significant change application to expand its age range from 3-11 to 2-11, to create new provision for two-year olds.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the Ofsted ratings of Milbrook Primary School.
- HTB members discussed the finances of Vale Academy Trust.
- HTB members discussed the need for a school improvement strategy.

RSC decision: Defer.

Conflicts: Claire Robins.

Further Actions required: Inform parties of the RSC decision. RSC would like to see a school improvement strategy.

## Decisions made between HTB meetings

N/A

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

### Converter Academy Order

- Whether to approve an Academy Order for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, **Kensington and Chelsea**, to join The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School.

### Trust Change

- Whether to approve the SAT to MAT application from The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, **Kensington and Chelsea**.