



Notes of Meeting: North-West London South Central

15 July 2021

Attendance

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

HTB members who sent their apologies for the meeting have, where possible, been consulted on all projects before the meeting. Their views are reflected in the discussion at the meeting (where appropriate). This excludes items where that member declared a conflict of interest.

Chair

- Jo Thomas (Deputy Director, NWLSC)

Headteacher Board (HTB) members

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

Guests

- None

Apologies

- Dame Kate Dethridge (RSC, NWLSC)

The RSC had to send apologies for the meeting. The decisions noted here were subsequently made by the RSC in light of the advice given by HTB members.

DfE senior civil servants

- None

Representations received

- No representations were made for any items discussed at this meeting.

General Discussion Points

- The June HTB meeting notes were agreed at the meeting.
- HTB confirmed who had a conflict of interest for certain items. These are indicated under the relevant item of discussion.

North Sub-Region

Significant Change

Project: Whether to approve the significant change request from Northampton Primary Academy Trust to increase the number of SEND Unit places from 12 to 20, at Simon de Senlis School, **West Northamptonshire**.

Project: Whether to approve the significant change request from Northampton Primary Academy Trust to add a SEND unit, with a capacity of 16 young people, to Blackthorn Primary School, **West Northamptonshire**.

HTB discussed both items together:

- HTB members discussed the finances of Northampton Primary Academy Trust (NPAT).
- HTB members discussed the Ofsted judgements of the other schools within NPAT.
- HTB members discussed the Local Authority's rationale on expanding provision at Blackthorn Primary School.
- HTB members considered the evidence submitted of educational improvement at Blackthorn Primary School.

RSC decision: (Simon de Senlis) Approve.

RSC decision: (Blackthorn) Approve.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the schools and trust of the RSC decision.

Significant Change

Project: Whether to approve the significant change request from Creating Tomorrow MAT to increase place numbers, from 175 to 200, at Daventry Hill School, **West Northamptonshire**.

Project: Whether to approve the significant change request from Creating Tomorrow MAT to increase place numbers from 60 to 80 at Wren Spinney School, **North Northamptonshire**.

HTB discussed both items together:

- HTB members discussed the latest monitoring inspection of Daventry Hill School.
- HTB members discussed the latest Ofsted judgment of Wren Spinney School.
- HTB members discussed the finances of Creating Tomorrow MAT.
- HTB members noted that the consultation events demonstrated support for the changes.

RSC decision: (Daventry Hill) Approve.

RSC decision: (Wren Spinney) Approve.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school and trust of the RSC decision.

Significant Change

Project: Whether to approve the significant change request by Tennyson Road Primary, **Luton**, to de-amalgamate their split site school into 2 separate schools.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the potential distance between the separate schools.
- HTB members discussed the governance structure at Tennyson Learning Community.
- HTB members discussed the financial health of Tennyson Learning Community.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school and trust of the RSC decision.

Significant Change

Whether to approve the application of a physical expansion made by Adeyfield Academy, Hertfordshire.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the governance structure at Atlas MAT.
- HTB members discussed the need to see a specific, measurable school improvement plan and team structure.
- HTB members discussed the performance results of other schools within the trust.
- HTB members noted that an external review has been commissioned by the academy trust.

RSC decision: Defer.

Conflicts: Claire Robins.

Further actions required: Inform the school and trust of the RSC decision to defer until the external review has taken place in September to allow for a fuller discussion of the school improvement work that has taken place.

Significant Change

Project: Whether to approve the proposal by Knightsfield School (SAT), Hertfordshire, to vary their age range by one year and increase capacity.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the governance structure and finances at Knightsfield School (SAT).
- HTB members discussed the SAT's comprehensive development plan.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school and trust of the RSC decision.

West Sub-region

Converter Academy Order

Project: Whether to approve the application made by Whiteknights Primary School, Wokingham, to join Bellevue Place Education Trust (BPET).

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the finances of BPET.
- HTB members discussed the governance structure and overlap of trustees at BPET.
- HTB members discussed BPET's recent growth and capacity to take on Whiteknights Primary School.

RSC decision: Approve with conditions.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school and trust of the RSC decision and condition regarding the composition of the boards of Trustees and Members.

Significant Change

Project: Whether to approve the significant change request by Windale Primary School, Oxfordshire, to change age range from 3-11 to 2-11.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the capacity at United Learning Trust and the support they are providing to improve phonics outcomes.
- HTB members noted that the Local Authority and United Learning support the request.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: Dame Yasmin Bevan.

Further actions required: Inform the school and trust of the RSC decision.

Significant Change

Project: Whether to approve the significant change request by Charlton Primary School **Oxfordshire**, to change the age range.

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the finances of Vale Academy Trust.
- HTB members discussed the last Ofsted judgement of the school.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school and trust of the RSC decision.

London Sub-Region

Significant Change

Project: Whether to approve the significant change request from Broadfields Primary School, **Barnet**, for a new Additional Resource Provision (ARP) for Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD).

HTB discussion:

- HTB members discussed the finances of Broadfields Academy Trust.
- HTB members discussed the need to review the trust board and complement it with trustees with MLD expertise.
- HTB members noted approval would be subject to the positive outcome of the planning application.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform the school and trust of the RSC decision.

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

Project: Redwell Primary School (North Northamptonshire) to convert to Nene Education Trust.

- Proposed school opening date – 01/08/2021
- No issues were raised.

Further actions required: No action required.