



## Notes of Advisory Board: North-West London South Central

18 November 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.

### Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) chair

- Dame Kate Dethridge

### Advisory Board (AB) members

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

### DfE senior civil servants

- Jo Thomas, Deputy Director, NWLSC

### Representations received

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

### General Discussion Points

- The RSC and Board took time for reflections and feedback on the school system within the region.
- The meeting note of October Advisory Board was confirmed and agreed.
- Board members received an update on the forthcoming Advisory Board elections.

## Items for discussion in this meeting

### North Sub-Region

#### Significant Change

**Project:** Whether to approve the creation of a Special Resource Provision (SRP) for 20 pupils with social communication difficulties at Bushey Meads School, **Hertfordshire**.

#### **Advisory Board (AB) discussion:**

- AB members reflected on the need for SRP in the Hertfordshire area.
- AB members discussed the SEND outcomes of the other schools in Bushey St James Trust.

**RSC decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None.

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

#### Converter Academy Order

**Project:** Whether to approve the voluntary conversion of Peartree Primary School, **Hertfordshire**, to join Ivy Learning Trust.

#### **Advisory Board (AB) discussion:**

- AB members discussed the trust's capacity for providing school improvement for Peartree Primary School.
- AB members discussed the performance of the current schools within Ivy Learning Trust.

**RSC decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None.

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

## Converter Academy Order

**Project:** Whether to approve the voluntary conversion of Deanshanger Primary School, **West Northamptonshire**, to join Grand Union Partnership (GUP).

### **Advisory Board (AB) discussion:**

- AB members discussed the capacity of GUP to take on the school.
- AB members discussed the performance of the current schools within GUP.
- AB members discussed the finances, governance, and structure of the trust board at GUP.

**RSC decision:** Approve with conditions.

**Conflicts:** None.

**Further actions required:** Inform school and trust of RSC decision, including conditions of confirming financial experience on the trust board, clarification of the trust board structure and more detail on school improvement.

## Academy Opening Approved in Principle

The following schools are due to open on 1 December 2021:

- Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, **Buckinghamshire**, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, **Buckinghamshire**, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust
- St Peter's Catholic Primary School, **Buckinghamshire**, St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust

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