



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

22 February 2022

Attendance

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

AB 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

Guests

- None

Apologies

- None

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

North Sub-Region

Converter Academy Order

Project: Whether to approve the voluntary conversion of Park Junior School, **North Northamptonshire**, to join Northampton Primary Academy Trust (NPAT).

AB discussion:

- AB members discussed the trust's finances and capacity to take on Park Junior School.
- AB members discussed the trust's strategy of school improvement.
- AB members discussed the performance of the current schools within the trust.
- AB members discussed the trust's offer of special educational needs provision.

RSC decision: Approve with conditions.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform school and trust of the RSC decision. Trust to provide external evidence of impact regarding school improvement and SEMH provision.

West Sub-Region

Sponsor Route

Project: Whether to approve Great Learners Trust (GLT) as the sponsor for Manor Farm Community Junior School, **Buckinghamshire**.

Reason for Academy Order:

AB discussion:

- AB members discussed the finances and governance of GLT.
- AB members discussed the capacity of GLT in taking on the school.
- AB members discussed the performance of the trust's current schools.

RSC decision: Approve with conditions.

Conflicts: None.

Further actions required: Inform school and trust of the RSC decision. Trust to provide a detailed governance structure and financial plan.

London Sub-Region

Significant Change

Points discussed in relation to significant changes application(s).

Project: To approve the merger of the primary phase of the Ark Burlington Danes Academy (an all-through school) with the Ark Swift Primary Academy, **Hammersmith and Fulham**.

AB discussion:

- AB members considered the timeframe and potential pupils numbers affected.
- AB members discussed the admissions of pupils into the secondary phase.
- AB members discussed the stakeholder engagement that has taken place.
- AB members discussed and considered the costs presented.

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: None.

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

Decisions taken between AB meetings

List of decisions taken by the RSC outside of AB meetings.

Project: Moorcroft School and Grangewood School, **Hillingdon**, The Eden Trust.

Decision type: Significant Change (temporary expansion)

RSC decision: Approve.

Conflicts: None.

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