



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

17 March 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
- Sarah Brown
- Dame Sue Bourne
- Claire Robins

### Guests

- None

### Apologies

- Dr Jamie Clarke

### 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 meeting note of the February Advisory Board was agreed.
- Conflicts of interest were noted for items 1.4 and 1.5.

## Converter Academy Order

**1.1 Project:** Round Diamond Primary School, **Hertfordshire**, to join Ivy Learning Trust.

**AB discussion:**

- AB members discussed finances and capacity of Ivy Learning Trust.
- AB members discussed pupil numbers at schools currently within Ivy Learning Trust.

**RSC decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None

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

## Converter Academy Orders

**1.2 Project:** Paulerspury Church of England School, **West Northamptonshire**, to join Innovate Multi Academy Trust.

**1.3 Project:** Rothersthorpe Church of England School, **West Northamptonshire**, to join Innovate Multi Academy Trust.

**AB discussed both 1.2 and 1.3 together:**

- AB members discussed the governance and capacity of Innovate MAT.
- AB members considered risks due to pupil numbers at Paulerspury.
- AB members discussed the finances of Innovate MAT.

**RSC decision for 1.2:** Approve.

**RSC decision for 1.3:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None.

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

## Trust Change

**1.4 Project:** Naseby Church of England Primary Academy, **West Northamptonshire**, to Pathfinder Schools.

**AB discussion:**

- AB members discussed governance structure at Pathfinder Schools.
- AB members discussed the performance of Naseby and the schools within Pathfinder Schools.

**RSC decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** Jamie Clarke (Jamie was not present at the meeting)

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

## Sponsored Route:

**1.5 Project:** Lea Manor High School Performing Arts College, **Luton**, to be sponsored by Chiltern Learning Trust.

**Reason for Academy Order:** Inadequate Ofsted judgement.

**AB discussion:**

- AB members discussed Chiltern Learning Trust's capacity to take on the school.
- AB members discussed the finances and governance of the Trust.

**RSC decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** Dame Yasmin Bevan and Sarah Brown.

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

## Trust Change

**1.6 Project:** Park House Academy, **West Berkshire**, part of Transform Learning Trust discussion on future Trust options.

**AB discussion:**

- AB members discussed the need for the school to be a large MAT.
- AB members discussed the performance of schools in Greenshaw Learning Trust.
- AB members discussed the location of school and distances between the potential MAT.

**RSC decision:** Defer.

**Conflicts:** None.

- **Further actions required:** Project to be brought back to AB once stakeholder engagement has taken place.

## Academy Opening Approved in Principle

List of academies approved to open.

**Project:** St John Fisher Roman Catholic Primary School, **Hertfordshire**, joining All Saints Catholic Academy Trust.

**AB discussion:**

- No discussion – AB members were informed.

**Further actions required:** None.

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