



Department
for Education

Notes of Meeting: East Midlands and The Humber Advisory Board.

17 August 2022.

Meeting by correspondence

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

Advisory Board members did not attend this meeting in person, instead contributing their views and advice by correspondence. Their views are reflected in the notes below where appropriate.

Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) chair

- Kate Copley.
- Carol Gray.

Advisory Board (AB) members

- Inderjit Sandhu.
- Paul Stone.

Guests

- None.

Apologies

- Paul West.
- Anne Martin.
- Peter Bell.
- Andy Child.

DfE senior civil servants

- None.

Representations received

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

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

List of academies approved to open.

Project: Donisthorpe Primary School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Leadenham Church of England Academy.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Dove Bank Primary School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Desford Community Primary School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: William Allitt School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Bilton Community Primary School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: St Alban's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: St Peter's Catholic Primary School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Stocksbridge Nursery Infant School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Bingham Primary School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Discovery Academy.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Elements Academy

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Foxbridge Primary School.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022 (opened on 30 August).

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Millside Spencer Academy.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Project: Rivendell Flying High Academy.

AB discussion: Proposed school opening date – 01 September 2022.

Further actions required: No action required.

Significant Change

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

Project: Whether to approve the age-range change at Thomas Rotherham College (Inspire Trust), Rotherham, to allow delivery of provision for young adults with an Education, Health, and Care Plan up to the age of 25, and to increase the capacity of the college from 1720 to 1733 to increase the size of the Flexible Learning Centre for young adults with SEND.

AB discussion:

Advisory Board members were not in attendance of this meeting, instead contributing their views by correspondence.

In June 2021, the Regional Schools Commissioner (now Regional Director) approved a proposal for Thomas Rotherham College to open a Flexible Learning Centre with a capacity of 20 places. This proposal seeks to expand the Flexible Learning Centre by 13 places

(increasing the overall capacity of the college from 1720 to 1733) and increase the age range to 16 to 25 to enable young adults to continue attending the centre.

Thomas Rotherham College was judged to be good in all areas following a full Ofsted inspection in October 2019, having previously been judged as requires improvement in January 2018.

Capital works are to be funded by the trust and local authority, with work to expand and improve the facilities beginning in July 2022. The places will be funded by the local authority.

A four-week consultation on the proposal was opened on Monday 27 June 2022 and closed on Monday 25 July 2022. No negative responses were received.

The Advisory Board members were in support of this proposal.

The financial health of the academy, the strength of financial management and governance in place at Inspire Trust and the impact on the trust's future financial health were also considered.

RSC decision: Approved (age-range and increase in capacity).

Conflicts: Andy Child. Andy was not in receipt of project papers, nor was he in attendance for the Advisory Board meeting.

Further actions required: Delivery Officer to inform the school, trust and the Director of Children's Services for Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council of the decision made.

Decisions taken between AB meetings

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

Project: Whether to approve the temporary closure of the sixth form at Kirkby College (single-academy trust), Nottinghamshire.

Decision type: Significant Change.

RSC decision: Approved.

Conflicts: N/A.

Further actions required: Delivery Officer to inform the single-academy trust of the decision.

Project: Whether to approve the capacity increase at St Peter and St Paul Church of England Academy (Rise Multi Academy Trust), Leicestershire, from 420 to 525 by using 3 additional classrooms already on site as teaching space.

Decision type: Significant Change.

RSC decision: Approved.

Conflicts: N/A.

Further actions required: Delivery Officer to inform the academy and the trust of the decision.

Project: Whether to approve the closure of the provision for 2-year-olds at Tuxford Primary Academy (Diverse Academies Trust), Nottinghamshire.

Decision type: Significant Change.

RSC decision: Approved.

Conflicts: N/A.

Further actions required: Delivery Officer to inform the academy and the trust of the decision.

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