



Notes of Meeting: Yorkshire and the Humber

11 October 2022

Attendance

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Regional Director (RD) chair

- Carolan Goggin (Interim Regional Director)

Advisory Board (AB) members

- Tom Banham (AB)
- Andrew Child MBE (AB)
- Carol Dewhurst OBE (AB)
- Mark Wilson (AB)
- Jenn Plews (AB)
- Kash Rafiq (AB)
- Jonny Uttley (AB)

Apologies

- Rowena Hackwood (AB)

DfE senior civil servants

- Charlotte Marr (DD)

Representations received

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

Converter Academy Orders

Points discussed in relation to school conversion.

Project: This is a proposal for Beverley St Nicholas Community Primary School, East Riding of Yorkshire, to convert and join Edukos Trust

AB discussion:

- The school is Ofsted good (2014) and has chosen to join Edukos Trust after exploring Multi Academy Trust option. The trust has been working with the school since 2022.
- The Board discussed the trust's plans in relation to current and projected future pupil numbers
- The Board considered the Trust's financial forecasts in light of current pressures on budgets and a School Resource Management Advisor (SRMA) was recommended.
- The governance structure was discussed, and an External Review of Governance was also recommended.
- It was considered that the school would add capacity to and strengthen the Trust.

RD decision: Approve with conditions

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: External Review of Governance to be commissioned. SRMA to be deployed to the Trust on conversion. Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

Converter Academy Orders

Points discussed in relation to school conversion.

Project: This is a proposal for Town Field Primary School, Doncaster, to convert and join The Rose Learning Trust

AB discussion:

- The school and trust have a strong working relationship, which has been fostered over a long period of time.
- The school is on an improving trajectory, having been rated good by Ofsted at its last inspection in June 2022.
- Geographically a good fit, and along with Scawsby Saltersgate Junior School, would strengthen and add capacity to the Trust

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: Andy Child was not present and did not receive papers for this project

Further actions required: Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

Converter Academy Orders

Points discussed in relation to school conversion.

Project: This is a proposal for Scawsby Saltersgate Junior School, Doncaster, to convert and join The Rose Learning Trust

AB discussion:

- The school and trust have a strong working relationship, which has been fostered over a long period of time.
- The school is on an improving trajectory, having been rated Outstanding by Ofsted at its most recent inspection in 2015.
- Geographically a good fit, and along with Town Field Primary School, would strengthen and add capacity to the Trust

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: Andy Child was not present and did not receive papers for this project

Further actions required: Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

Converter Academy Orders

Points discussed in relation to school conversion.

Project: This is a proposal for Manor Wood Primary School, Leeds, to convert and join Owlcotes Multi Academy Trust.

AB discussion:

- The school is Ofsted outstanding (January 2019), geographically the match makes sense and it was considered that the school would bring additional capacity into the MAT.
- It was considered that the Trust currently has a strong School Improvement capacity.
- It was said that the Local Authority is supportive, and there are no financial concerns

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: Mark Wilson was not present and did not receive papers for this project

Further actions required: Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

Sponsor Application

Points discussed in relation to applications for sponsor application.

Project: Discussion to consider the sponsor application for Cascade Multi Academy Trust, Sheffield.

AB discussion:

- The trust has voluntarily undertaken an external review of governance and is in the process of actioning all the recommendations.
- The Board considered the Trust's financial forecasts in light of current pressures on budgets and a School Resource Management Advisor (SRMA) was recommended.
- It was considered that approving the trust's application for Sponsor Status is a positive move for the local area.

RD decision: Approve with conditions

Conflicts: Andy Child was not present and did not receive papers for this project

Further actions required: SRMA to be deployed to the Trust. Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

Sponsor Application

Points discussed in relation to applications for sponsor application.

Project: Discussion to consider the sponsor application for The MAST Academy Trust, Kirklees.

AB discussion:

- The trust has been able to evidence rapid improvement at 2 of their 4 schools at their latest inspections – Kirkburton Middle School rated Good in November 2021 and Birdsedge First School rated Good in September 2022.
- There are currently no financial concerns with the trust considered to be in a healthy position.
- The Board recommended that the Trust further develops its School Improvement Plan prior to any application for growth.
- It was considered that approving the trust's application for Sponsor Status is a positive move for the local area.

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

List of academies approved to open.

Project: Carleton Endowed CofE Primary School, North Yorkshire

AB discussion: Proposed opening date 01/11/2022

RD decision: Further actions required: N/A

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

List of academies approved to open.

Project: Kaye's First and Nursery School, Kirklees

AB discussion: Proposed opening date 01/11/2022

RD decision: Further actions required: N/A

Academy Opening Approved in Principle

List of academies approved to open.

Project: South Kilvington Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

AB discussion: Proposed opening date 01/11/2022

RD decision: N/A

Trust Change

Points discussed in relation to academies moving to another trust.

Project: This is a proposal for Bursar Primary Academy, North East Lincs, to transfer to Humber Education Trust.

AB discussion:

- Bursar Primary Academy is a single school Multi Academy Trust (MAT) who has voluntarily resolved to transfer to Humber Education Trust.
- The transfer represents a sensible option locally. There are no current financial concerns and the match is considered good educationally and geographically.
- The trust has been supporting the school since September 2022.

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

Any 'other' RD decisions not covered above

List of decisions that have not been covered in any of the boxes above.

Project: This is a proposal for Bardsey Primary School, Leeds, to convert and join The GORSE Academy Trust.

AB discussion:

- The project returned to the board for discussion having been deferred at the previous meeting in September 2022.
- Education and Skills Funding Agency colleagues were clear that they were satisfied the trust would meet all actions stated in the action plan. On that basis, the decision was taken to approve the conversion, subject to the action plan being completed prior to conversion

RD decision: Approve with conditions

Conflicts: Kash Rafiq was not present and did not receive papers for this item

Further actions required: Project Lead to inform school/trust of decision

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