



## Notes of Meeting: Yorkshire and the Humber

Date of meeting – 8 November 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 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)
- Jonny Uttley (AB)
- Rowena Hackwood (AB)

### Apologies

- Kash Rafiq (AB)

### DfE senior civil servants

- Charlotte Marr (Deputy Director)

## Converter Academy Orders

Points discussed in relation to school conversion.

**Project:** This is a proposal for Bradleys Both Community Primary School, North Yorkshire, to convert and join Yorkshire Collaborative Academies Trust.

### AB discussion:

- There is an existing relationship between the school and the Trust through the HART Alliance.
- 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 the trust is a good geographical fit for the school and has experience in running similar primary schools.
- The board discussed the trust's governance structure and central capacity in light of future growth plans.

**RD decision: Approve with conditions**

**Conflicts: N/A**

**Further actions required:** SRMA to be deployed to the Trust. Delivery Officer to inform school/trust of decision

**Project:** This is a proposal for Swallownest Primary School, Rotherham, to convert and join Diocese of Sheffield Academies Trust.

AB discussion:

- There is an existing relationship between the school and the Trust through the 2021/22 Trust and School Improvement offer.
- The school is close to the Trust's other schools and head office, and the Trust has the capacity to support the school.
- The Board considered the Trust's financial forecasts in light of current pressures on budgets and a School Resource Management Advisor (SRMA) was recommended.

**RD decision: Approve with conditions**

**Conflicts: N/A**

**Further actions required:** SRMA to be deployed to the Trust. Delivery Officer to inform school/trust of decision

**Project:** This is a proposal for Knowleswood Primary School, Bradford, to convert and join Exceed Academies Trust

AB discussion:

- The Trust was deemed to be a good fit for the school in terms of ethos and some shared characteristics.
- The Trust's financial health, including levels of reserves and projections for future budgets were discussed.
- It was considered that the Trust has sufficient capacity and experience to support the school on its improvement journey.
- There is an existing relationship through Bradford's Teaching School Hub.
- The Trust was considered to have a good track record of improving Ofsted judgements.

**RD decision: Approve**

**Conflicts:** Jenn Plews and Mark Wilson were not present and did not receive papers for this item

**Further actions required:** Delivery Officer to inform school/trust of decision

**Project:** This is a proposal for Cavendish Primary School, Bradford, to convert and join Exceed Academies Trust

**AB discussion:**

- The Trust was deemed to be a good fit for the school in terms of ethos and some shared characteristics.
- The school was judged Good by Ofsted at its most recent inspection and could bring additional capacity into the Trust.
- There is an existing relationship through Bradford's Teaching School Hub.

**RD decision: Approve**

**Conflicts:** Jenn Plews and Mark Wilson were not present and did not receive papers for this item

**Further actions required:** Delivery Officer to inform school/trust of decision

## Sponsored Route:

Points discussed in relation to a school's sponsor status.

**Project:** This is a proposal to discuss the sponsor options for Holgate Meadows School, Sheffield.

### **AB discussion:**

- Nexus Multi Academy Trust was considered to be the best option to sponsor the school due to their track record and experience working with similar schools, and is a good geographical fit.
- The Trust's financial health, including the department's request for updated consolidated financial projections from the Trust.
- Nexus has been providing school improvement support to the school, since July 2022.
- School Resource Management Advisor (SRMA) has already been commissioned to work with the school.

### **RD decision: Approve**

**Conflicts:** Andy Child and Mark Wilson were not present and did not receive papers for this item

**Further actions required:** Delivery Officer to inform school/trust of decision