



## Notes of Meeting: Yorkshire and Humber Advisory Board

17 October 2023

### 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

- Alison Wilson OBE

### Advisory Board (AB) members

- Carol Dewhurst OBE
- Andy Child MBE
- Tom Banham
- Jenny Plews
- Mark Wilson
- Jonny Uttley
- Rowena Hackwood
- Kash Rafiq (Had to leave at 10:50am)

### Guests

- None

## **Apologies**

- None

## **DfE senior civil servants**

- Charlotte Marr (Deputy Director)
- Matthew Edwards (Deputy Director)

## **Representations received**

- None

## Converter Academy Orders

Points discussed in relation to school conversion.

**Project: To discuss Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre, Barnsley, to convert and join Waterton Academy Trust.**

### **AB Discussion:**

- Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre is a community primary school based in the Wombwell area of Barnsley. The school is larger than the average-sized primary school and has a higher proportion of pupils who are supported by pupil premium than the national average. The school was judged outstanding by Ofsted in 2019.
- The geographical spread of Waterton Academy Trust was discussed alongside the strategic trust landscape for Barnsley. Waterton Academy Trust currently has one school in Barnsley with other schools in very close vicinity in Wakefield.
- It was agreed that Kings Oak Primary Learning Centre would bring additional capacity to Waterton Academy Trust. The Regional Director was satisfied that this project would strengthen Waterton's South Yorkshire hub.

**RD decision: Approve**

**Conflicts:** Andy Child was not present and did not receive papers for this item.

### **Further actions required:**

- Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

## Trust Change

Points discussed in relation to academies moving to another trust.

### **Project: To discuss Scout Road Academy, Hebden Bridge, joining Together Learning Trust.**

#### **AB Discussion:**

- Scout Road Academy is a 4 to 11 Single Academy Trust in the village of Mytholmroyd in Calderdale. It is smaller than the UK average size primary school and is below the national average for pupils receiving SEN support and eligible for free school meals. The school converted in September 2011, and has achieved a good judgement at three Ofsted inspections since, with the latest having been in June 2023.
- The board considered the primary outcomes across Together Learning Trust and their school improvement capability, governance and financial position. The board agreed this was a strong match.

**RD decision: Approve**

**Conflicts:** None

#### **Further actions required:**

- Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

## **Project: To discuss Oulton Academy, Leeds, joining Carlton Academy Trust.**

### **AB Discussion:**

- Oulton Academy is an 11-18 Single Academy Trust located in Oulton, Leeds. The percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals has consistently been above national average, whereas the percentage of pupils whose first language is not English is consistently below national average.
- The board considered the Carlton Academy Trust's financial position. School Financial Support and Oversight colleagues confirmed they are working with the Trust on how they plan to re-invest reserves for the benefit of children and educational outcomes across the Trust.
- SEND provision in relation to the performance and number of pupils in Oulton Academy was discussed. Reassurances were given that Carlton Academy Trust has a strong track record of working with SEND pupils.
- As well as officials undertaking a thorough assessment to determine the right trust to transfer Oulton Academy to the Regional Director recently visited Carlton Academy Trust to discuss the trust's school improvement models and capacity.

### **RD decision: Approve**

**Conflicts:** None

### **Further actions required:**

- Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

## Decisions taken between AB meetings.

List of decisions taken by the RD outside of AB meetings

**Project: To discuss Hinde House 2-16 Academy, Sheffield, Brigantia Learning Trust, creating a 24-place integrated resource unit.**

**Decision Type:** Significant Change

**RD Decision:** Approve

**Conflicts:** None

**Further Actions Required:** Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

**Project: To discuss Royds Hall, Huddersfield, Share Multi Academy Trust, de-amalgamating the primary and secondary phases of this all-through school to create two separate schools: Luck Lane (primary) and Royds Hall (secondary).**

**Decision Type:** Significant Change

**RD Decision:** Approve

**Conflicts:** None

**Further Actions Required:** Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

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