



Department
for Education

Regions Group Decisions taken during the pre-election period between 25 May 2024 and 4 July 2024: North West

Please note that an Advisory Board draft agenda was not published because an Advisory Board meeting was not held during the pre-election period. This is in accordance with the [general election guidance for civil servants and board members](#). During the pre-election period and in line with this guidance, Regions Group did take decisions on essential business (including routine business necessary to ensure the continued smooth functioning of government and public services).

RG Decisions taken between AB meetings

Converter Academy Orders

Project: South Wirral High School, Wirral, to convert and join The Challenge Academy Trust

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Upton Westlea Primary School, Cheshire West and Chester, to convert and join Concordia Multi Academy Trust

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Northway Primary and Nursery School, Liverpool, to convert and join the Great Schools Trust (GST)

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: The following schools to convert and join Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust:

- St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Cheshire East
- St Benedict's Catholic Primary School, Cheshire East

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Trinity St Peter's, Liverpool, to convert and join Liverpool Joint (All Saints)

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: The following schools to convert and join The People's Learning Trust:

- Bidston Avenue Primary School, Wirral
- Meadow Community Primary School, Cheshire West & Chester
- The Bridge Short Stay School, Cheshire West & Chester
- Oldfield Primary School, Cheshire West & Chester

Decision: Approve with 1 condition:

1. Upon formation of the new MAT, the trust is to provide SFSO monthly management accounts, including a cashflow statement and balance sheet alongside commentary to explain any significant variances, until further notice.

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Hurdsfield Community Primary School, Cheshire East, to convert and join The Aspire Educational Trust.

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: The following schools to convert and join South Cumbria Multi Academy Trust:

- Ramsden Infant School, Westmorland and Furness
- Greengate Junior School, Westmorland and Furness
- South Walney Infant and Nursery School, Westmorland and Furness

Decision: Approve with two conditions:

1. External review of governance (ERG) should be arranged by the trust.
2. The trust's growth plan should include the ERG findings, clarity on the expertise of their trust board and the SRMA deployment progress.

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: The following schools to convert and join Blessed Edward Bamber Multi Academy Trust:

- St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Fleetwood, Blackpool
- St Bernadettes Catholic Primary School, Blackpool

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Ravensfield Primary School, Tameside, to convert and join Changing Lives in Collaboration

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: The following schools to convert and join Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust:

- St Patrick's RC Primary and Nursery School, Oldham
- St Christopher's RC Primary School, Tameside
- St Anne's RC Primary School, Tameside
- St Dunstan's RC Primary School, Manchester
- St Margaret Mary's RC Primary School, Manchester

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: The following schools to convert and join Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust:

- St Patrick's RC Primary School, Manchester
- St Edmund's RC Primary School, Manchester
- St Mary's RC Primary School, Oldham
- St Winifred's Roman Catholic Primary School, Stockport
- Our Lady of the Rosary RC Primary School, Trafford

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: The following schools to convert and join Bury College Education Trust:

- Greenmount Primary School, Bury
- Old Hall Primary School, Bury

Decision: Approve with 1 condition:

1. The trust to provide clarity on the financial expertise on their trust board and accept the recommendation of a SRMA deployment.

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

Project: St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Balderstone, Rochdale, to convert and join Watergrove Trust

Decision: Approve

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

Project: Norden Community Primary School, Rochdale, to convert and join The Harmony Trust Ltd.

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Norris Bank Primary School, Stockport, to convert and join The Laurus Trust

Decision: Approve with 1 condition:

1. The trust to agree a date to reduce the number of their employees on their trust board to zero. This would require them to review and update their Articles of Association.

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Kingsway Primary School, Trafford, to convert and join Inspiring Learners Multi Academy Trust

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: The Deans Primary School, Salford, to convert and join Kings Academy Trust

Decision: Deferred

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Saddleworth School, Oldham, to convert and join Cranmer Education Trust

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Thornham St James CofE Primary School, Oldham, to convert and join Crompton House Church of England Multi Academy Trust

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Parklee Community School, Wigan, to convert and join Education Partnership Trust

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Trust changes

Project: Waterhead Academy, Oldham to move from South Pennine Academies to E-Act

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Platt Bridge Community School, Wigan to move from Community First Academy Trust to Achievement Through Collaboration

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision after the pre-election period.

Project: Hermitage Primary School, Cheshire East to move from The Hermitage Trust to Focus Academy Trust (UK) Ltd

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Await confirmation on when the decision can be communicated to the school/trust and any other stakeholders such as the local authority, diocese (where applicable), etc.

Significant changes

Project: Linden Road Academy and Hearing Impaired Base, Tameside, The Enquire Learning Trust to change the age range from 3-11yrs to 2-11yrs and increasing pupil admission numbers.

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Godley Community Primary Academy, Tameside, The Enquire Learning Trust to change the age range 3-11yrs to 2-11yrs and increasing pupil admission numbers.

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Old Moat Primary School, Manchester, Changing Lives in Collaboration Trust to add a SEN unit or resourced provision

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Golborne Community Primary School, Wigan, Mosaic Learning Trust for a building expansion and increase in pupil numbers to enable 2 form entry.

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Longdendale High School, Tameside, Stamford Park Trust to add a SEND resourced provision

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Churchtown Primary School, Sefton, Endeavour Learning Trust to extend the nursery provision for children aged two.

Decision: Approve

Further action required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

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