

Draft agenda: South East Region Advisory Board

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Items listed for decision by South East this month

Coastal Sub Region

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Burfield Academy, URN: 140388 and Phoenix Academy, URN:145016, STEP Academy Trust, **East Sussex**, to make the following change:
 - Amalgamating 2 or more academies.

Sponsored academy order

- A proposal for London South East Academy Trust to sponsor Grove Park School, URN: 114688, **East Sussex**.

Trust changes

- An application for Southwater Infant Academy, URN: 136866, **West Sussex**, to transfer to South Downs Education Trust.
- An application for Southwater Junior Academy, URN:136865, **West Sussex**, to transfer to South Downs Education Trust.

Converter academy orders

- An application from Plaistow and Kirdford Primary School, URN: 125848, **West Sussex**, to convert and become an academy and join South Downs Education Trust.

Glossary of project types

Converter academy orders - where the governing body of a local authority maintained school has applied to become an academy and wants to join an existing academy trust or set up a new academy trust with other local authority maintained schools.

Sponsored academy orders - where a local authority maintained school is becoming an academy because it has been judged inadequate by Ofsted or is not making the necessary improvements, meaning it is currently judged as requires improvement, having been judged below good in its previous inspection.

Establishing a new academy through the free school presumption route - where a local authority has identified a need for a new school in its area and invited applications from trusts to be accountable for the new school.

Significant changes to an open academy - a change which may have a 'significant' impact on the local school environment, through changing the number and/or type of school places and/or where they are offered.

Trust changes - where an academy is moving from one academy trust to another, including where two or more academy trusts are coming together and academies within those trust are moving to the new trust. It also includes where a single academy trust applies to become a multi academy trust.

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