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Draft agenda: East of England Advisory Board

This meeting will take place on 27 February 2025

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- your relationship to the school/academy
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Items listed for decision by East of England this month

Cambridgeshire

Trust changes

- An application for Soham Village College [URN: 136610], Kennett Primary School [URN: 139088], The Shade Primary School [URN: 139555] and The Weatheralls Primary School [URN: 143941], Cambridgeshire to transfer from Staploe Education Trust to Anglian Learning.

Central Bedfordshire

Converter academy orders

- An application from St Leonards, Heath and Reach, Voluntary Aided Lower School [URN:109618], Central Bedfordshire, to convert and become an academy and join Diocese of St Albans Multi Academy Trust.

Significant changes to an open academy

- A retrospective application for Stratton School [URN: 137886], Meridian Trust, Central Bedfordshire to make the following change:
 - Adding a 20-place SEN unit or resourced provision

Trust changes

- An application for Eaton Bray Academy [URN: 136539], Central Bedfordshire to transfer from Eaton Bray Academy and join a newly proposed MAT in the South East region (Cottesloe Hundred Trust).

This project is for discussion only. The application will be discussed at the South East Advisory Board on Thursday 13 February 2025. A final decision will be taken after considering any representations.

Essex

Converter academy orders

- An application from Dr Walker's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Fyfield [URN: 115125], Essex to convert and become an academy and join Life Education Trust.
- An application from Eastwood Primary School [URN: 134860], Essex, to convert and become an academy and join Eastwood Park Academy Trust.

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Waltham Holy Cross Primary Academy [URN: 147265], NET Academies Trust, Essex, to make the following change:
 - Adding a 7-place SEN unit or resourced provision

Hertfordshire

Converter academy orders

- Applications for:
 - Pope Paul Catholic Primary School [URN: 117496], Hertfordshire
 - St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery [URN: 117491], Hertfordshire

- St Catherine's RC School [URN: 101333], Barnet
to convert and become academies and join All Saints Catholic Academy Trust.

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for The Marlborough Science Academy [URN: 138042], The Marlborough Science Academy Limited, Hertfordshire, to make the following change:
 - Expansion (increasing physical capacity) by 200 places

Luton

Converter academy orders

- An application from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School [URN: 109635], Luton to convert and become an academy and join St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust.

Peterborough

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Stanground Academy [URN: 137880], Greenwood Academies Trust, Peterborough to make the following change:
 - Adding an 8-place SEN unit or resourced provision

Suffolk

Converter academy orders

- Applications for:
 - St Mark's Catholic Primary School [URN: 124786], Suffolk
 - St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School [URN: 124763], Suffolk
 - St Edmund's Catholic Primary School [URN: 124764], Suffolkto convert and become academies and join Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy 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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