



Notes of meeting: Yorkshire and the Humber

28 January 2025

Attendance

AB members who sent their apologies for the meeting but sent in their comments on agenda items, are listed under the apologies section. These members' views are reflected in the discussions below, unless the AB member(s) declared a conflict of interest.

Regional Director (RD) chair

- Alison Wilson OBE

Advisory Board (AB) members

- Tom Banham
- Rowena Hackwood
- Mark Wilson
- Steve Hodsman

Guests

- None

Apologies

- Carol Dewhurst OBE
- Jonny Uttley

DfE senior civil servants

- Charlotte Marr, Deputy Director for Yorkshire and the Humber

General discussion points

- Special educational needs and disabilities
- The Schools Bill
- Ofsted framework and inspections

North Yorkshire and North Humberside

Converter academy orders

Project: To discuss Withernsea High School, East Riding of Yorkshire, to convert and become an academy and form a new trust called The Deira Learning Trust

Representations received:

- No representations were made for any items discussed at this meeting.

AB discussion:

- Withernsea High School is a 1132-capacity school located in East Riding of Yorkshire with 759 pupils on roll. The school was last inspected in November 2021 and is currently rated as Good.
- This project was previously brought to the Advisory Board meeting in May 2024 and was deferred at that meeting as the Regional Director wanted to see more schools having agreed to join the MAT from the outset; more details about school improvement support and capacity in the primary phase; and a review of the Trust board and governance structure.
- The Regional Director was not satisfied that the proposal, in its current form, can evidence the appropriate capacity within the proposed MAT to drive the school improvement needed across all the schools. Advisory Board members raised concerns as to whether there was the relevant experience and capacity to hold leaders to account across the trust in respect of primary and high school performance.
- This project was considered along with Wilberforce College and Inmans Primary School.

RD Decision: Decline

Conflicts: None

Further actions required:

- Feedback decision to the school / trust.

Project: To discuss Wilberforce College, Kingston Upon Hull, City of, to convert and become an academy and form a new trust called The Deira Learning Trust

Representations received:

- No representations were made for any items discussed at this meeting.

AB discussion:

- Wilberforce College is a 1350-capacity Post-16 college located in Kingston Upon Hull, City of, with 1250 pupils on roll. The college was last inspected in April 2024 and is currently rated as Good.
- This project was previously brought to the Advisory Board meeting in May 2024 and was deferred at that meeting as the Regional Director wanted to see more schools having agreed to join the MAT from the outset; more details about school improvement support and capacity in the primary phase; and a review of the Trust board and governance structure.
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- This project was considered along with Withernsea High School and Inmans Primary School.

RD Decision: Decline

Conflicts: None

Further actions required:

- Feedback decision to the school / trust.

Project: To discuss Inmans Primary School, East Riding of Yorkshire, to convert and become an academy and form a new trust called The Deira Learning Trust

Representations received:

- No representations were made for any items discussed at this meeting.

AB discussion:

- Inman's Primary School is a 420-capacity school located in East Riding of Yorkshire with 391 pupils on roll. The school was last inspected in October 2019 and is

currently rated as Good.

- This project was previously brought to the Advisory Board meeting in May 2024 and was deferred at that meeting as the Regional Director wanted to see more schools having agreed to join the MAT from the outset; more details about school improvement support and capacity in the primary phase; and a review of the Trust board and governance structure.

The Regional Director was not satisfied that the proposal, in its current form, can evidence the appropriate capacity within the proposed MAT to drive the school improvement needed across all the schools. Advisory Board members raised concerns as to whether there was the relevant experience and capacity to hold leaders to account across the trust in respect of primary and high school performance.

- This project was considered along with Wilberforce College and Withernsea High School.

RD Decision: Decline

Conflicts: None

Further actions required:

- Feedback decision to the school / trust.

Academy opening approved in principle

List of academies approved to open the following month.

Project: Anston Park Junior School, White Woods Primary Academy Trust, Rotherham

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/02/2025

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Project: Bramley Sunnyside Junior School, James Montgomery Academy Trust, Rotherham

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/02/2025

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Project: Churwell Primary Academy, Resilience Multi Academy Trust, Leeds

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/02/2025

Conflicts: Mark Wilson

Further action required: No action required

Project: Dobcroft Nursery and Infant School, Peak Edge, Sheffield

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/02/2025

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Project: Fairburn Community Primary School, Selby Educational Trust, North Yorkshire

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/02/2025

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Project: Smawthorne Henry Moore Primary School, Accomplish Multi Academy Trust Limited, Wakefield

Points raised in discussion: Proposed Opening Date – 01/02/2025

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No action required

Decisions taken between Advisory Board meetings

Trust changes

Project: To discuss Scalby School, North Yorkshire, to transfer from Coast and Vale Learning Trust to Delta Academies Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: To discuss Scarborough University Technical College, North Yorkshire, to transfer from Coast and Vale Learning Trust to Delta Academies Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: To discuss Newby and Scalby Primary School, North Yorkshire, to transfer from Coast and Vale Learning Trust to Delta Academies Trust.

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: To discuss Friarage Community Primary School, North Yorkshire, to transfer from Coast and Vale Learning Trust to Delta Academies Trust.

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: To discuss Lady Lumley's School, North Yorkshire, to transfer from Coast and Vale Learning Trust to Delta Academies Trust.

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: To discuss Filey School, North Yorkshire, to transfer from Coast and Vale Learning Trust to Delta Academies Trust.

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Significant changes

Project: Hob Moor Community Primary Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, York, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Siggleshorne Church of England Primary Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, East Riding of Yorkshire, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Marfleet Primary Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, Kingston Upon Hull, City of, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Alderman Cogan's Church of England Primary Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, Kingston Upon Hill, City of, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Camblesforth Community Primary Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, North Yorkshire, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Osbaldwick Primary Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, York, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Decline

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Lakeside Primary Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, York, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Decline

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Filey Church of England Nursery and Infants Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, North Yorkshire, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Decline

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Tadcaster Primary Academy, Ebor Academy Trust, North Yorkshire, to change the age range by adding nursery provision for 2 year olds

Decision: Decline

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Yarborough Academy, Yarborough Academy (Single Academy Trust), North East Lincolnshire, to add a Special Educational Needs unit or resourced provision to a mainstream academy

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Norton College, Arete Learning Trust, North Yorkshire, to close their sixth form provision

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Birley Primary Academy, L.E.A.D. Academy Trust, Sheffield, to change the age range to 2 – 11 years old

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Project: Bradford Academy, Bradford Academy Trust, Bradford, to change the age range by removing their sixth form provision

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Cases referred to ministers for a decision

No cases were referred to ministers for a decision this month.

List of projects listed on the published draft agenda, but were removed before the meeting

None of the projects that were listed on the published draft agenda were removed before the meeting.

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