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## Draft agenda: East of England

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## Items listed for decision by East of England this month

### Cambridgeshire

#### Trust changes

- An application for Hinchbrook School [URN: 137475], Godmanchester Community Academy [URN: 138029], Cromwell Academy [URN: 141297], Godmanchester Bridge Academy [URN: 141690] and Spaldwick Primary School [URN: 148983], Cambridgeshire, to transfer from ACES Academies Trust to The Cam Academy Trust.

## Central Bedfordshire

### Trust changes

- An application for Weatherfield Academy [URN: 137896], Central Bedfordshire, to transfer from Weatherfield Academy to Whipperley Academy Trust (Luton).

## Essex

### Converter academy orders

- An application for Spring Meadow Primary School and School House Nursery [URN: 114834], Essex, to convert and become an academy and join Life Education Trust.

### Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Elm Hall Primary School [URN: 146695], Attain Academy Partnership Trust, Essex, to change its age range from 4-11 to 3-11 and add a nursery.
- An application for Silver End Academy [URN: 144955], Inspires MAT, Essex, to change its age range from 2-11 to 4-11 and close its nursery.
- An application for Leigh Beck Infant and Nursery Academy [URN: 141326], Northwick Park Trust, Essex, to change its age range from 3-7 to 2-7.

## Hertfordshire

### Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Round Diamond Primary School [URN: 149206], Ivy Learning Trust, Hertfordshire, to make the following change:
  - removing a 16-place SEN unit

## Luton

### Trust changes

- An application for The Ferrars Academy [URN: 139612], Luton, to transfer from Ferrars Academy to Pioneer Learning Trust.

## Norfolk

### Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Burnham Market Primary School [URN: 144825], The Wensum Trust, Norfolk, to change its age range from 4-11 to 2-11 and add a nursery.
- An application for UET Compass Academy [URN: 150354], Unity Education Trust, Norfolk, to make the following change:
  - location of one of their satellite sites

## Southend

### Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for St Nicholas School [URN: 144691], SEN Trust Southend, Southend, to change its age range from 11-16 to 9-16.
- An application for Kingsdown School [URN: 144692], SEN Trust Southend, Southend, to change its age range from 3-14 to 3-11.
- An application for Lancaster School [URN: 144693], SEN Trust Southend, Southend, to change its age range from 14-19 to 11-19.

## Suffolk

### Significant changes to an open academy

- A retrospective application for Hanford Hall Primary School [URN: 144212], Orwell Multi Academy Trust, Suffolk, to change its age range from 3-11 to 4-11 and close its nursery.
- An application for St Christopher's CEVCP School [URN: 142025], Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust, Suffolk, to change of age range from 4-11 to 3-11 and add a nursery.
- An application for Wells Hall Primary School [URN: 144218], Unity Schools Partnership, Suffolk, to make the following change:
  - adding a 12-place SEN unit
- An application for Langer Primary Academy [URN: 138117], Unity Schools Partnership, Suffolk, to make the following change:
  - expansion (increasing physical capacity) of their SEN unit by 7 places

## 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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