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Draft agenda: East of England

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Items listed for decision by East of England this month

Bedfordshire

Converter academy orders

- An application from Wilstead Primary School [URN: 109492], Bedfordshire, to convert and become an academy and join Heart Academies Trust.

Trust changes

- An application for Goldington Green Academy [URN: 139523], Bedfordshire, to transfer from Goldington Green Academy to Heart Academies Trust.

Cambridgeshire

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Olive AP Academy - Cambridge [URN: 142378], Olive Academies, Cambridgeshire, to make the following change:
 - increasing the planned number of pupils in an AP academy by 13 places
- An application for Olive AP Academy - Nene Valley [URN: 142793], Olive Academies, Cambridgeshire, to make the following change:
 - increasing the planned number of pupils in an AP academy by 21 places

Central Bedfordshire

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Cranfield Church of England Academy [URN: 148454], Cranfield Church of England Academy, Central Bedfordshire, to change its age range from 2 to 9 to 2 to 11.

Trust changes

- An application for Redborne Upper School and Community College [URN: 136559], Bedfordshire, to transfer from Redborne Upper School and Community College to The Pyramid Schools Trust.

Essex

Converter academy orders

- An application from Cold Norton Primary School [URN: 114904], Essex, to convert and become an academy and join The Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust.

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Harwich and Dovercourt High School [URN: 145061], The Sigma Trust, Essex, to change its age range from 11-18 to 11-16 and close its sixth form.
- An application for Witham Oaks Academy [URN: 139871], Inspires MAT, Essex, to make the following change:
 - adding a 12-place SEN unit or resourced provision
- An application for The Gilbert School [URN: 137926], Alpha Trust, Essex, to make the following change:
 - expansion (increasing physical capacity) by 100 places

Trust changes

- An application for The Appleton School [URN: 136579], The Billericay School [URN: 136861], The Bromfords School [URN: 139181] and Woodlands School [URN: 141214], Essex, to transfer from Compass Education Trust Ltd to South East Essex Academy Trust.

Norfolk

Converter academy orders

- An application from Loddon Infant and Nursery School [URN: 121203], Norfolk, to convert and become an academy and join The Active Learning Trust Limited.
- An application from Loddon Junior School [URN: 121192], Norfolk, to convert and become an academy and join The Active Learning Trust Limited.

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Sculthorpe Church of England Primary Academy [URN: 141918], The Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust, Norfolk, to change its age range from 4-11 to 3-11 and add a nursery.
- An application for Acle Academy [URN: 138758], The Wensum Trust, Norfolk, to make the following change:
 - adding a 10-place SEN unit or resourced provision
- An application for Queensway Infant Academy and Nursery [URN: 149896], Inspiration Trust, Norfolk, to change its age range from 3-7 to 4-7 and close its nursery.
- An application for North Walsham High School [URN: 147505], Enrich Learning Trust, Norfolk, to make the following change:
 - adding a 20-place SEN unit or resourced provision

Peterborough

Trust changes

- An application for Woodston Primary School [URN: 146843], Orton Wistow Primary School [URN: 146845] and Nene Valley Primary School [URN: 146854], Peterborough, to transfer from OWN Trust to Meridian Trust.

Suffolk

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Warren School [URN: 146431], Consortium Trust, Suffolk, to make the following changes:

- increasing the planned number of pupils in a special or AP academy by 55 places
 - acquiring an additional (satellite) site
- An application for Ipswich Academy [URN: 136453], Paradigm Trust, Suffolk, to make the following change:
 - adding a 24-place SEN unit or resourced provision
- An application for Burton End Primary Academy [URN: 141546], Unity Schools Partnership, Suffolk, to make the following change:
 - increasing the number of pupils within an existing SEN unit or resourced provision by 12 places
- An application for Clements Primary Academy [URN: 144276], Unity Schools Partnership, Suffolk, to make the following change:
 - increasing the number of pupils within an existing SEN unit or resourced provision by 8 places
- An application for West Row Academy [URN: 150276], Unity Schools Partnership, Suffolk, to make the following change:
 - increasing the number of pupils within an existing SEN unit or resourced provision by 12 places
- An application for Langer Primary Academy [URN: 138117], Unity Schools Partnership, Suffolk, to make the following change:
 - closing an off-site satellite site (Bramford Lane - 15 places)
- An application for The Bridge School [URN: 147162], Unity Schools Partnership, Suffolk, to make the following change:
 - acquiring an off-site satellite site (Bramford Lane - 20 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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