



Department
for Education

Notes of meeting: London Advisory Board

Date of meeting: 24 July 2025

Attendance

Advisory Board (AB) members

- Penny Barratt
- Cassie Buchanan
- Lee Mason-Ellis
- Vanessa Ogden
- Rama Venchard

DfE Senior Civil Servants

- Alan Parnum (Deputy Director) - Chair

Guests

- None

Apologies

- Emma Bradshaw
- Claire Burton
- Susan Douglas

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Decisions

Croydon

Trust changes

An application for St. James' Roman Catholic Primary School (URN: 137958), St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School (URN: 141158), St Philomena's Catholic Primary School (URN: 141482), St Vincent's Catholic Primary School (URN: 141481) and Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School (URN: 141907) to transfer to St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust (TR03988).

Representations received: None

Decision: Approve (with conditions)

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Approval is granted subject to the submission of a robust onboarding plan for each of the schools joining the trust.

Hammersmith and Fulham

Significant Change

An application by Sullivan Primary School (URN: 143214) part of United Learning Trust (TR02343) for the removal of physical capacity of more than 30 places.

Representations received: None

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

Islington

Significant Change

An application for Whitehall Park School (URN: 140495) part of Bellevue Place Education Trust (TR00178) to change age range and open a nursery.

Representations received: None

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

Significant Change

An application for The New North Academy (URN: 137393) part of the Learning in Harmony Multi Academy Trust (TR02883) to close nursery provision.

Representations received: None

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

Sutton

Converter academy order

An application for Nonsuch Primary School (URN:102985) to join Bourne Education Trust (TR00263).

Representations received: None

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

List of decisions taken outside of AB meetings

Havering

Significant Change to an Open Academy

An application for The Royal Liberty School (URN: 143877) part of Success For All Education Trust (TR01762) to add a SEND unit.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

Newham

Significant Change to an Open Academy

An application for London Design and Engineering UTC (URN: 142903) to expand 6th form places.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

Richmond

Significant Change to an Open Academy

An application for Ian Mikardo School (URN: 143630) part of The Beckmead Trust (TR03544) to open a satellite site in Richmond.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust.

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