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Draft agenda: South East Advisory Board

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Items listed for decision by South East this month

Coastal Sub-Region

Trust changes

- A proposal for The Workplace, URN: 147855, East Sussex, to transfer from The Sabden Multi Academy Trust to London South East Academies Trust.

Kent, Medway and Surrey Sub-Region

Converter academy orders

- An application from William Cobbett Primary School, URN: 125077, Surrey, to convert and become an academy and join Weydon Multi Academy Trust.

- An application from Woodlands Special School, URN: 125469, Surrey, to convert and become an academy and join Bourne Education Trust.
- An application from Guston Church of England Primary School, URN: 118687, Kent, to convert and become an academy and join Aquila, The Diocese of Canterbury Academies Trust.
- An application from St James' Church of England Aided Primary School, URN: 125176, Surrey, to convert and become an academy and join the Good Shepherd Trust.

Trust changes

- An application for the merger of Southborough High School (SAT), URN: 137917, Surrey, to Learning Partners Academy Trust (MAT).
- An application for the transfer of Sandwich Technology School (SAT), URN: 136317, Kent, to Inicio Educational Trust (MAT).

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Darley Dene Primary School, URN:147678, Lumen Learning Trust, Surrey, to make the following change:
 - changing the type of SEN provision a SEN unit or resourced provision offers

West Sub-Region

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Wren School, URN:142121, Excalibur Academies Trust, Reading, to make the following change:
 - adding a SEN unit or resourced provision

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.

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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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