



Department
for Education

Note of meeting and decisions: London Advisory Board

Date of Advisory Board meeting: 25 September 2025

Attendance at Advisory Board Meeting

Acting Regional Director (RD) - Chair

- Alan Parnum

Advisory Board (AB) members

- Penny Barratt
- Emma Bradshaw
- Cassie Buchanan
- Susan Douglas
- Lee Mason-Ellis
- Rama Venchard

Apologies

- Dr Vanessa Ogden

List of decisions taken at the meeting

Croydon

Trust changes

An application for St James the Great Catholic Primary School (137959) to transfer into St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust (TR04032)

Representations received: None

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: Rama Venchard did not participate in discussions or provide advice on this project due to his current work with the Trust

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

An application for St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School (138612) to transfer into St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust (TR04032)

Representations received: None

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: Rama Venchard did not participate in discussions or provide advice on this project due to his current work with the Trust

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

An application for St Aidan's Catholic Primary School (142729) to transfer into Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust (TR04033)

Representations received: None

Decision: Approved on the condition a more detailed school improvement strategy is provided

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Hillingdon

Convertor Academy Order

An application for Oak Farm Primary School (102430) to convert and become an academy and join the Vanguard Learning Trust (TR02373)

Representations received: None

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Islington

Converter Academy Order

An application for Beacon High (100453) to convert and become an academy and join LIFT Schools (TR00008)

Representations received: None

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Newham & Greenwich

Trust Changes

An application for Eko Trust (TR03464) to merge and join The Compass Partnership of Schools (TR03593)

Representations received: None

Decision: Approved on the condition that the new, merged trust will enter a period of consolidation for 12 months following September 2025 Advisory Board approval. DfE to review progress with integrating the two trusts. An external review of governance arrangements to be completed pre and post-merger

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Wandsworth

Converter Academy Order

An application for Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School (142729) to join Christ the Redeemer Catholic Education Trust (TR04011)

Representations received: None

Decision: Decision deferred until an overview of leadership capacity and the trust financial position is provided and reviewed

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Westminster

Trust Changes

An application for Marylebone Boys' School (140884) to join United Learning Trust (TR02343)

Representations received: None

Decision: Approved

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

List of decisions taken outside the Advisory Board meeting

Bexley

Significant changes to an open academy

An application for Rosendale Primary School (144308), part of the Dunraven Educational Trust, (TR00692) to add a SEN Unit

Decision: Approved

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

An application for St Michael's East Wickham Church of England Primary School (144889), part of the SDBE Multi-Academy Trust (TR03761), to add a Specialist Resource Provision

Decision: Approved

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

An application for Lime Wood Primary School (143922), part of The Woodland Academy Trust (TR02526), to add a SEN Unit

Decision: Approved

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

An application for St. Paul's (Slade Green) Church of England Primary School (145011), part of Trinitas Academy Trust (TR02322), to add a SEN unit

Decision: Approved

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

An application for Christ Church (Erith) CofE Primary School (139212), part of Trinitas Academy Trust (TR02322), to add a SEN unit

Decision: Approved

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

An application for Belvedere Infant School (147332), part of The Pioneer Academy trust (TR01652), to add a SEN unit

Decision: Approved

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

Havering

Significant changes to an open academy

An application for Olive AP Academy (143130), part of Olive Academies Trust (TR02821), to extend its age range

Decision: Approved

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Newham

Convertor Academy Order

An application for Plashet School (102782) to convert and become an academy and join City of London Academies Trust (TR00514)

Decision: Approved

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

Trust changes

An application for Rokeby School (148901), part of Newham Community Learning Trust (TR03145), to add a sixth form

Decision: Declined

Further actions required: Feedback decision to the school/trust

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

Hammersmith and Fulham

Converter Academy Order

An application for St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School (100357) to convert and become an academy and join Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust (TR03141).

Representations received: None

Westminster

Converter Academy Order

An application for St Vincent's Catholic Primary School (101143) to convert and become an academy and join Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust (TR03141).

Representations received: None

An application for St Vincent De Paul Catholic Primary School (101144) to convert and become an academy and join Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust (TR03141).

Representations received: None

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