



Department
for Education

Note of decisions: North West Advisory Board.

23 September 2025

Advice

No meeting was held.

Regional Director (RD)

- Vicky Beer

Decisions taken outside of AB meeting

Greater Manchester

Converter academy orders

Project: An application from St Stephen's Church of England Primary School (106246), Tameside Local Authority to convert and become an academy and join Forward as One Church of England Multi Academy Trust.

Decision: Approve with conditions

Conditions: The outstanding SRMA deployment must be completed prior to conversion.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: An application from Christ Church Ainsworth Church of England Primary School (105324), Bury Local Authority to convert and become an academy and join the Sycamore Church of England Trust Limited.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Significant changes to an open academy

Project: All Saints Catholic College (139735) of Tameside local authority to make the following significant change - Adding a SEN Unit.

Decision: Defer – Awaiting further information from the Trust.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Copley Academy (139294) and Silver Springs Primary Academy (137951) both of Tameside local authority to add a resourced provision.

Decision: Approve with conditions

Conditions: The trust must work closely with Dixons Academies Trust on the establishment of both Resourced Provisions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Linden Road Academy and Hearing-Impaired Base (141408) of Tameside local authority to close the schools SEN Hearing impaired base.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Oakwood Academy (138130) of Salford local authority to make a temporary change of acquiring an additional (satellite) site.

Decision: Approve with conditions

Conditions: The trust is to provide confirmation of the risks and mitigations should it fail to secure the new permanent provision in time for September 2026.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Hollinwood Academy (140388) of Oldham local authority to increasing the number of pupils within an existing SEN unit or resourced provision by more than 20 pupils or more than 20% of the overall school capacity (whichever is smaller).

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: St John Fisher RC Primary School (151824) of Tameside local authority to remove a resources provision.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Lever Edge Primary Academy (136395) of Bolton local authority to add a SEN unit.

Decision: Approve with conditions

Conditions:

- The trust receives a supportive School Resource Management Adviser (SRMA) deployment.
- The trust updates its Funding Agreement to the latest model.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Liverpool City Region, Warrington, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester and Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool and Lancashire and Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness.

Significant changes to an open academy

Project: Hilbre High School (138355) of Wirral local authority to add a resourced provision.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Black Firs Primary School (140981) of Cheshire East local authority to lower the age range of the school from 3–11 years to 2–11 years.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Hebden Green Community School (111505) of Cheshire West and Chester local authority to remove residential provision

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Alsager Highfields Community Primary School (148136) of Cheshire East local authority to add a nursery provision by increasing the age range from 4 - 11 years to 3 - 11 years.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: St Paul's Catholic Primary School, A Voluntary Academy (141831) of Cheshire East local authority to add a nursery provision by increasing the age range from 4 - 11 years to 2 - 11 years.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Warrington CofE Primary School (143872) of Cheshire local authority to add a nursery provision by increasing the age range from 4 - 11 years to 3 - 11 years.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Everton Free School and Football College (138379) of Liverpool local authority to move the Sixth form college from 3 sites to two sites which will include the new site at Goodison Park. This will increase the Sixth form capacity to 30 and will enable the college to take advantage of their link with Everton in the community.

Decision: Approve, no conditions.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

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