



Draft agenda: North West Advisory Board

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Items listed for decision by North West Region this month

Greater Manchester

Converter academy orders

- Applications from the following schools to voluntary convert and join Greater Manchester Education Trust.
 - Queensgate Primary School (106072) of Stockport local authority.
 - Rose Hill Primary School (106076) of Stockport local authority.
- An application from Green Lane Community Special School (111495) of Warrington local authority to convert and join Kings Academy Trust.

Significant Changes to an open academy

- An application from Bolton St Catherine's Academy (145314) of Bolton local authority to make the following change - Change in age range to add 10 2 year old places at existing early years provision.

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

Converter academy orders

- An application from Hindley Junior and Infant School (106415) of Wigan local authority to convert and join Achievement Through Collaboration Trust.
- An application from Redgate Community Primary School (104885) of Sefton local authority to convert and join Lydiate Learning Trust.

Trust Changes

- A discussion for the options for transferring LIPA Sixth Form College (142891) of The LIPA Multi Academy Trust of Liverpool local authority.
- The Oldershaw School (136895) of Wirral local authority moving from The Oldershaw School to The Co-operative Academies Trust.

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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