



Department
for Education

Note of decisions: North West Advisory Board.

27 November 2025

Advice

No meeting was held.

Regional Director (RD)

- Vicky Beer

Decisions taken outside of AB meeting

Greater Manchester

Converter academy orders

An application from Green Lane Community Special School (111495) of Warrington local authority to voluntary convert and join Kings Academy Trust.

Decision: Defer

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: N/A

An application from the following schools to voluntary convert and join St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust

- Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Primary School, (105334) of Bury local authority
- Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Primary School, (105337) of Bury local authority
- St Marie's Roman Catholic Primary School, (105335) of Bury local authority

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Significant changes to an open academy

Project: Crosslee Community Primary School (149867) of Manchester local authority to make the following change - Adding a 40 place SEN unit to support demand pressures within the LA.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: All Saints Catholic College (139735) of Salford local authority to make the following change - Adding a 15 place SEN unit or RP

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Chatsworth High School and Community College (143052) of Salford local authority to make the following change - Increasing planned pupil numbers at a special school from 145 to 220

Decision: Approve with conditions

Conditions: Trust to agree to share outcome of External Review of Governance. Trust to provide assurances around compliance with significant change process.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Wesley Methodist Primary School (146996) of Bury local authority to make the following change - Add nursery provision/ change age-range.

Decision: Approve

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

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Thomas Ashton School (151614) of Tameside local authority to make the following change - Adding a satellite site

Decision: Approve, with conditions

Conditions: New Bridge MAT to share a progress report on Thomas Ashton to check progress. Trust to share the external review of governance

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Hawthorns School (140133) of Tameside local authority to make the following change - 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

Decision: Approve with conditions

Conditions: Approval of the concurrent DfE land transaction application. Confirmation that the trust has signed the 125 year lease with Tameside local authority, which is currently in progress.

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Woodlands Primary Academy (144025) of Oldham local authority to make the following change - Adding a 12 place resource provision to support the LA with increased demand in ASC and SCLN.

Decision: Approve with conditions

Conditions: The trust needs to update their MFA and SFA in line with the latest DfE 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.

Converter academy orders

An application from Tilston Parochial CofE Primary School (111284) of Cheshire West and Chester local authority, to voluntary convert and join North West Academies Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: N/A

Further actions required: N/A

Significant changes to an open academy

Project: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School (151085) of Lancashire local authority to make the following change - Increasing planned pupil numbers at a special school from 145 to 220

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.

Project: Stramongate Primary School (137962) of Westmorland and Furness local authority to make the following change - Adding a 10 place SRP.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: Feedback decision to school/trust.