



Department
for Education

Note of decisions: North East Advisory Board

Date of planned meeting: 18 December 2025

Advice

No meeting took place.

Regional Director (RD)

- Katherine Cowell

Decisions taken outside of AB meeting

List of decisions taken outside of AB meetings.

Trust Changes

Project: Transfer of East Herrington Primary Academy, Balmoral Learning Trust, Sunderland joining Tyne and Wear Learning Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Transfer of Hetton Lyons Primary School, Balmoral Learning Trust, Sunderland joining Tyne and Wear Learning Trust.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Significant changes to an open academy

Project: Outwood Academy Bishopsgarth, Outwood Grange Academies Trust, Stockton on Tees. Retrospective significant change application to change the type of SEN provision from an enhanced mainstream school provision to an additionally resourced provision.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Copeland Road Primary School, Advance Learning Partnership, County Durham. Significant change application to change the age range from 4-11 to 2-11 and open a nursery.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: St Peter's Elwick Church of England Primary School, Northern Lights Learning Trust, Hartlepool. Significant change application to change the age range from 3-11 to 2-11.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: St Aidan's Church of England Academy, Northern Lights Learning Trust, Darlington. Significant change application to reduce the physical capacity from 700 to 600 to align with the current PAN.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: All Saints Church of England Academy, Dales Academies Trust, Stockton on Tees. Retrospective significant change application to increase the physical capacity from 750 to 900 pupils.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Dame Dorothy Primary School, Northern Lights Learning Trust, Sunderland.
Significant change application to change the age range from 3-11 to 2-11.

Decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Hope Wood Academy, The Ascent Academies Trust, County Durham.
Significant change application to provide an extra 60
planned places by establishing a satellite Early Years / Key Stage 1 provision.

Decision: Approve subject to satisfactory lease from the LA.

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Project: Gillas Lane Primary Academy, Aim High Academy Trust, Sunderland.
Significant change application to establish a specialist Additional Resource
Provision (ARP) for 16 pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
needs.

Decision: Approve subject to planning permission being granted in Spring 2026.

Conflicts: None

Further Actions Required: Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

Academy opening approved in principle

List of academies approved to open the following month.

Project: Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary, Bishop
Chadwick Catholic Education Trust, County Durham

Conflicts: None

Further action required: No further action required.