



Department  
for Education

## **Note of decisions: West Midlands Advisory Board**

Date of planned meeting: 11 December 2025

### **Advice**

No meeting was held. AB advice was sought by correspondence. The views of members that sent in advice are reflected in the AB discussion sections below, unless the AB member(s) declared a conflict of interest.

### **Regional Director (RD)**

- Sue Lovelock – Regional Director

### **Advisory Board (AB) members that provided advice**

- Mike Donoghue
- Guy Shears
- Sarah Finch
- Dan Parkes
- Steve Taylor

## Decisions

### Warwickshire

#### Trust changes

**Project: A proposal for Aylesford School Warwick (SAT), Warwickshire, to voluntarily transfer to Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust.**

##### **Representations received:**

- No representations were made for this project.

##### **AB advice:**

- The Advisory Board members acknowledged and considered risk. Trusts finances, capacity for improvement, governance expertise and educational performance were important considerations.

**Decision:** Approve with conditions

- Financial monitoring
- Educational performance reporting
- Governance assurance
- School Resource Management Adviser deployment

**Conflicts:** None.

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

#### Significant changes

**Project: An application for Aylesford School Warwick (SAT), Warwickshire, to make the following change:**

- Removal of sixth form provision

##### **Representations received:**

- No representations were made for this project.

##### **AB advice:**

- The Advisory Board members acknowledged and considered risk. Trusts finances, capacity for improvement, governance expertise and educational performance were important considerations.

**Decision:** Approve with conditions

- Financial monitoring
- Educational performance reporting
- Governance assurance
- School Resource Management Adviser deployment

**Conflicts:** None.

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

## Decisions taken outside of AB meeting

List of decisions taken outside of AB meetings.

### Wolverhampton

#### Converter academy orders

**Project:** An application from Uplands Junior School (URN 104332), Wolverhampton, to convert and become an academy and join Lykos Multi Academy Trust.

**Decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None.

**Further actions required:** Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

### Birmingham

#### Sponsored academy orders

**Project:** A proposal for The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust to sponsor Harborne Primary School (URN 132261), Birmingham.

**Decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None.

**Further actions required:** Delivery Officer to inform school / trust of the decision.

#### Significant changes

**Project:** Timberley Academy (URN 138104), Birmingham

- Increase in age range from 3 to 11 to 2 to 11.

**Decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None.

**Further actions required:** None.

## Warwickshire

### Significant changes

#### Project: Burton Green Church of England Academy (URN 145391), Warwickshire

- To add 13 preschool places alongside the existing 15 Reception spaces, combining the Preschool and Reception into a single foundation unit.

**Decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None.

**Further actions required:** None.

## Herefordshire

### Significant changes

#### Project: Lord Scudamore Primary Academy (URN 136761), Herefordshire

- To add a nursery for 2-year-old children to the pre-existing nursery provision of 3-11.

**Decision:** Approve.

**Conflicts:** None.

**Further actions required:** None.

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