



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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