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Draft agenda: South West Advisory Board

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- the school/academy name (and where this is about a 'trust change', please also state the name of the recipient trust), and the local authority area of the school/academy
- your relationship to the school/academy
- your comments on the proposal
- any alternative proposal(s) you may have
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Items listed for decision by South West this month

Devon

Trust changes

- A proposal for The Promise School (URN 149041), **Devon** from Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust to transfer to Wave Multi Academy Trust.

Gloucestershire

Trust changes

- A proposal for Abbey View (URN 139660), **Gloucestershire** from CCT Learning (SAT) to transfer to Aspire Schools.

North Somerset

Trust changes

- A proposal for the following four academies from The Priory Learning Trust to merge with Castle School Education Trust:
 - Castle Batch Primary School Academy (URN 145630), **North Somerset**
 - Priory Community School (URN 137300), **North Somerset**
 - St Anne's Church Academy (URN 145631), **North Somerset**
 - Worle Community School (URN 143137), **North Somerset**

Somerset

Trust changes

- A proposal for the following six academies from Beacon Education MAT Ltd to merge with Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership:
 - Danesfield Church of England Voluntary Controlled Middle School (URN 140631), **Somerset**
 - Minehead First School (URN 142800), **Somerset**
 - Minehead Middle School (URN 136774), **Somerset**
 - Old Cleeve Church of England First School (URN 140636), **Somerset**
 - St Michael's Church of England First School (URN 142819), **Somerset**
 - St Peter's Church of England First School (URN 140645), **Somerset**
- A proposal for West Somerset College (URN 136791), **Somerset** from Bridgwater & Taunton College Trust to transfer to Midsomer Norton School Partnership.
- A proposal for the following seven academies from Bridgwater & Taunton College Trust to merge with Quantock Education Trust:
 - Bridgwater College Academy (URN 138375), **Somerset**
 - Brookside Community Primary School (URN 136848), **Somerset**
 - Brymore Academy (URN 139655), **Somerset**
 - Hamp Academy (URN 139717), **Somerset**
 - Maiden Beech Academy (URN 137118), **Somerset**
 - Otterhampton Primary School (URN 146243), **Somerset**
 - Stanchester Academy (URN 137080), **Somerset**

- A proposal for the following seven academies from The Priory Learning Trust to merge with Castle School Education Trust:
 - Berrow Primary Church Academy (URN 149851), **Somerset**
 - Burnham-On-Sea Infant School (URN 150952), **Somerset**
 - East Huntspill Primary Academy (URN 148023), **Somerset**
 - Pawlett Primary School Academy (URN 147015), **Somerset**
 - St Andrew's Church Junior School (URN 150953), **Somerset**
 - King Alfred School An Academy (URN 146439), **Somerset**
 - West Huntspill Primary Academy (URN 148531), **Somerset**

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 trusts 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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