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Draft agenda: North West Advisory Board

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Items listed for decision by North West Region this month

Liverpool City Region, Warrington, Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness

Converter academy orders

- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academies Trust.
 - Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School (135246), Cheshire West and Chester local authority.

- St Saviour’s Catholic Primary and Nursery School (135505), Cheshire West and Chester local authority.
 - St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School (111357), Cheshire West and Chester local authority.
 - St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, (111342), Cheshire East local authority.
- An application from Redgate Community Primary School (104885), Sefton local authority to voluntary convert and join Lydiate Learning Trust.

Trust changes

- An application for Hawes Side Academy, (138538), Blackpool Local authority to transfer from Hawes Side Academy Trust to Endeavour Learning Trust.

Greater Manchester

Converter academy orders

- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust.
 - St Mary’s RC Primary School, (105534), Manchester local authority.
 - St Cuthberts RC Primary School, (105553), Manchester local authority.
 - St Jospeh’s RC Primary School, (106254), Tameside local authority.

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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