



Draft agenda: North West Advisory Board

This meeting will take place on 20 February 2025

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Items listed for decision by North West Region this month

Greater Manchester

Converter academy orders

- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join M20 Learning Trust.
 - Northenden Community School, Manchester
 - Cavendish Primary School, Manchester

- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust.
 - St John's Roman Catholic Primary School, Rochdale
 - St John Fisher Roman Catholic Primary School, Rochdale
 - St Thomas More Roman Catholic Primary School, Middleton, Rochdale
- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust.
 - St John Bosco RC Primary School, Manchester
 - St Malachy's RC Primary School, Manchester
 - Corpus Christi RC Primary School, Oldham
 - St Anne's RC Primary School, Oldham
 - St Joseph's RC Junior Infant and Nursery School, Oldham
 - St Monica's RC Primary School, Trafford
 - St Teresa's RC Primary School, Trafford
- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust.
 - St James Catholic Primary School, Tameside
 - St Philip's Catholic Primary School, Stockport
 - St Christopher's Catholic Primary School, Stockport

Trust changes

- An application for the following schools to transfer from Link Learning Trust to M20 Learning Trust.
 - Barlow Hall Primary School, Manchester
 - Brookburn Community School, Manchester

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

Converter academy orders

- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join Chester Diocesan Academies Trust.
 - Mottram CofE Primary School, Tameside
 - The Priory Parish CofE Primary school, Wirral
 - Gee Cross Holy Trinity CoE Primary School, Tameside
 - St Berteline's CofE Primary School, Halton

- Broadbottom Church of England Primary, Tameside
- Kingsley St John's CofE (VA) Primary School, Cheshire West and Chester
- Tarporley CofE Primary School, Cheshire West and Chester
- An application from Orrets Meadow School, Wirral Local Authority to convert and become an academy and join Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust
- An application from Lansbury Bridge School, St Helens Local Authority to convert and become an academy and join The Shaw Education Trust
- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join The Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust.
 - St John's Catholic Primary School, Lancashire
 - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Lancashire
 - Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, Lancashire
- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust.
 - St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, Lancashire
 - St Maria Goretti Catholic Primary School, Lancashire
 - Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Lancashire
 - St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Lea Town, Lancashire
- An application from the following schools to convert and become academies and form a new trust called Emmanuel Diocese Of Liverpool Academies Trust (Edlat)
 - Sankey Valley St James Church of England Primary School, Warrington
 - Bewsey Lodge Primary School, Warrington
 - St Elphin's (Fairfield) CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School, Warrington
 - Winwick CofE Primary School, Warrington
 - St Andrew's CofE Primary School, Warrington
 - Cinnamon Brow CofE Primary School, Warrington
 - Warrington St Ann's CofE Primary School, Warrington
 - Warrington St Barnabas CofE Primary School, Warrington
 - St Margaret's CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School, Warrington
- An application from the following schools to convert and become academies and form a new trust called The Belong Trust
 - St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Liverpool
 - Kirkdale St Lawrence CE VA Primary School, Liverpool
 - Childwall Church of England Primary School, Liverpool
 - Archbishop Blanch CofE High School, Liverpool
- An application from Educational Diversity, Blackpool Local Authority to convert and become an academy and join Synergy Education Trust Limited
- An application from the following schools, to convert and become an academy and join Romero Catholic Academy Trust.

- St Michael and St John's Roman Catholic Primary School, Lancashire
- St Charles' RC School, Lancashire
- Ss John Fisher and Thomas More Roman Catholic High School, Lancashire

Establishing a new academy through the free school presumption route

- To approve the local authority's recommendation of the trust of the new primary school in Cheshire West and Chester.

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 trust 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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