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## Draft agenda: North West Advisory Board

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## Items listed for decision by North West this month

### Greater Manchester

#### Converter academy orders

- An application from the following schools to convert and join the Bishops Fraser Trust.
  - Walmsley Church of England Primary School, (105232) Bolton local authority.
  - St Margaret's Church of England Primary School, (105815) Rochdale local authority.

## **Trust Change**

- The following schools to transfer from the Great Academies Education Trust and to join Dixons Academies Trust.
  - Copley Academy (139294), Tameside local authority.
  - Great Academy Ashton (135508), Tameside local authority.
  - Middleton Technology School (143319), Rochdale local authority
  - Silver Springs Primary Academy (137951), Tameside local authority.

## **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 Lower Peover Church of England Primary School, (111337) Cheshire West and Chester local authority to convert and join Chester Diocesan Learning Trust.
- An application from Turton and Edgworth Church of England/Methodist Controlled Primary School, (119408) Blackburn with Darwen local authority to convert and join Bishops Fraser Trust.

## **Trust Change**

- The following schools to transfer from the Samara Trust and to join the Chester Diocesan Academies Trust.
  - Clutton Church of England Primary School, (145076) Cheshire West and Chester local authority.
  - Little Sutton Church of England Primary School, (145075) Cheshire West and Chester local authority.
  - Upton Heath Church of England Primary School, (145074) Cheshire West and Chester local authority.

### **Significant Change**

- An application from Bruche Primary School Academy, (143058) Warrington Primary Academy Trust, Warrington local authority to make the following change.
  - To become an all-through school and add secondary provision

## **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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