

Academy Partnership Committee Meeting  
St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley and on line  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023  
2.00pm.

**Members:**

Joe Davies (JD), Stephen Ravenscroft (SR), Greg Melly (GM), Patrick Burgess (online) (PB), Dave Barrett (DB).

**In attendance:**

Bishop Richard Moth (+R), Fr Jonathan Martin (JM), Julie Oldroyd (JO), Maria Cowler (MC), Sarah Kilmartin (SK), Gill Sajnog (GS).

**1 Apologies:**

Mark Brunet (MB).

**2 Welcome and Opening Prayer – Bishop Richard**

**3 Update on Academisation**

JO gave an update on the growth of the CETs

Xavier

St Cuthbert's Englefield Green and St Joseph's Guildford due to convert 1 Dec 2023.

St Francis Caterham and St Joseph's Redhill due to Advisory Board early next term.

Schools in discussion:

St Andrew's, Leatherhead.

St Clement's, Ewell

St Bede's, Redhill

Discussion followed around St Bede's and the progress in discussions regarding academisation. The governors cannot do anything without the approval of both dioceses.

Bosco

St Robert Southwell due to convert on 1st May 2024

English Martyrs, Worthing, ongoing due diligence

Schools in discussion:

Group of schools from Worthing and Cathedral Deaneries are looking to join and are working collaboratively towards this.

St Oscar Romero GB have voted to academise.

East Sussex – group of four primary schools in Eastbourne and St Leonard's are already collaborating and want to join the Trust.

St John's, Horsham have asked for a meeting to explore academisation and St Francis of Assisi, Crawley have also expressed an interest.

With regards to Brighton & Hove - The new Labour administration has announced the proposed closure of 2 primary schools and the reduction in PAN of 9 others.. The 2 closures are out for consultation.

Our vision for Brighton & Hove schools is to ensure close working around the 'Newman family of schools'. The primaries are feeder schools for CNCS, which is a "school" of choice" in Brighton & Hove.

The Lead Member for East Sussex decision is that St Pancras will close on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

### **Regional Director meeting**

JO attended a virtual MAT Growth and Academy Conversion Clinic on 14/9/23 with Winckworth Sherwood

This led to JO and the CEOs meeting with Andrea Squires 9/11/24 to discuss how to approach the scheduled meeting with Regional Directors (RD) office.

The focus is on the document 'Commissioning High-Quality Trusts. How the Department for Education's Regions Group takes decisions about the creation, consolidation and growth of academy trusts' - July 2023.

- High-Quality and Inclusive Education
- School Improvement
- Workforce From 2024/25
- Finance and Operations
- Governance and Leadership

JO and the CEOs are now preparing for this meeting, which will help the RDs office have an overview of the diocesan vision and Trust growth plans.

**AOB**

No AOB

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Dates for APC meetings 23/24 2pm-4pm

*Tuesday 26 March*

**Tuesday 14 May**

*Tuesday 9 July*

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 24 AGM – time TBC**