RECORD OF MEETING

North of England Headteacher Board

18 May 2017 – date meeting held to advise the RSC.

Due to Purdah restrictions, the RSC made the decisions on 15 June 2017.

Members of Board, RSC, and guests in attendance

Jan Renou (RSC, Chair)

Elizabeth Horne (HTB)

Nick Hurn (HTB)

Andy Bayston (HTB)

Lesley Powell (HTB)

Chris Clarke (HTB)

Zoe Carr (HTB)

Sir Michael Wilkins (HTB)

Apologies

None

Cross-cutting discussion points

The Board met and discussed:

RSC Update

The RSC updated the Board on a number of departmental updates since the last meeting, including the pre-election guidance, which took effect from Friday 21 April.

Presentation from Dame Sue John, Challenge Partners

A presentation by Dame Sue John representing challenge partners; which is a practitioner-led education charity that enables collaboration between schools to enhance the life chances of all children, especially the most disadvantaged.

Intervention Update

HTB member Chris Clarke, provided an overview of the intervention work he has undertaken with a number of schools within the region, with a particular focus on school improvement and performance.

Trust Reviews

Officials provided an update on trust reviews.

Discussion of projects, including decisions made by RSC with advice from HTB:

All decisions are made in reference to relevant legislation and the published criteria. The table below sets out some key discussion points only

Converter Academy Order

Project	Decision	Key Discussion Points	Conflicts of interest		
Walker Technology College to convert and join South Tyneside College, Newcastle	Defer	financeschool improvement			
Action required: Regional Schools Commissioner to meet South Tyneside College to discuss school improvement, growth plans and their scheme of delegation.					
South Shields School to convert and join South Tyneside College, South Tyneside	Defer	financeschool improvement			
Action required: Regional Schools Commissioner to meet South Tyneside College to discuss school improvement, growth plans and their scheme of delegation.					
Richmond School to convert and join Arête Learning Trust, North Yorkshire	Approve	governanceperformanceschool improvementfinance			
Action required: Academy Order to be sent					
Riverdale Primary to convert and join Ironstone MAT, Redcar & Cleveland	Approve	governanceperformance			
Action required: Academy Order to be sent					
Prior Pursglove and Stockton Sixth Form College to convert and form the Tees Valley Collaborative Trust, Tees Valley	Approve	governancefinanceperformance			
Action required: Academy Order to be sent					

Sponsored Route

Project	Decision	Key Discussion Points	Conflicts of interest	
Haydon Bridge Shaftoe Trust Primary School, Northumberland – to be sponsored by WISE Academies	Approve	 governance finance school performance Academy Order issued on 28/09/2016 	Zoe Carr was not present and did not receive papers for this item.	
Action required: Project Lead to inform the Trust of the decision				