
Report of Director of Children and Families

Report to Children and Families Scrutiny Board

Date: 16 November 2017

Subject: Schools Status Overview

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. This report is an overview of the current status of schools across the city according to their governance arrangements.

Recommendations

2. The Board is recommended to note and comment on the content of the report.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members on the current landscape of schools and their governance arrangements by type of school.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Leeds now has a wide variety of school governance arrangements across the city including Community schools, Academies, Trusts, Free Schools, Foundation schools, Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled schools.
- 2.2 This report provides an overview of the different types of schools, geographical depicted by their type, to give board members a representation of current picture across the city.

3 Main issues

Academies

- 3.1 To date 54 Leeds schools have converted to Academy status (see attached list). Academies are either 'Converter' Academies – those that choose to become an academy; or 'Sponsored' Academies – those subject to academy orders due to a failing in standards.
- 3.2 Leeds currently has a number of sponsors working in the city, both national and regional. There are also a number of Multi-Academy Trusts which are constituted from several 'self-converter' academies as well as a number of stand-alone single academies.
- 3.3 Of the 54 schools, there are 30 converter and 24 sponsored academies. In addition, academy orders have been received for 8 schools (including a change of academy sponsor for one academy) and we have been made aware a further 5 schools are in the due diligence process:
 - 1. North West SILC (2-19 through school), the conversion date is 1st of January 2018 the academy order was received 28th June 2017, this will be sponsored
 - 2. East SILC (2-19 through school), the conversion date is 1st of January 2018 the academy order was received 24th April 2017. East SILC is converting so it can be the sponsor academy for NW SILC
 - 3. Pudsey Tyersal Primary will be sponsored by the Co-operative Academy. The Academy Order was received 6th April 2017, the conversion date is 1st December.
 - 4. Richmond Hill Primary will be a sponsor academy as part of the Gorse Academy Trust. Academy order received 23rd March 2017. The conversion date is the 1st of November
 - 5. Royds School (secondary) will be a sponsor academy that was scheduled to convert to academy status on 1st of June 2016, sponsored by Interserve Academies Trust, however Interserve have withdrawn following their due diligence around condition of the buildings. A new sponsor is still been sought by the DFE

6. Guiseley School (secondary) is a converter academy which is currently a Trust school the academy order was received 28th July 2017 the conversion date is yet to be confirmed
7. South Leeds Academy (secondary) will be transferring from The Schools Partnership Trust to Cockburn MAT. This is a PFI school
8. Methley Primary will be a sponsor academy. The Academy order was received 13th of July 2017. The sponsor and conversion date have yet to be confirmed.

3.4 Schools in the process of due diligence are: Broomfield (South SILC), Boston Spa, Ralph Thoresby (a Trust and PFI school), Pudsey Waterloo and Pudsey Primrose Hill.

Foundations/Trusts

3.5 To date, there are 53 Foundation/Trust schools (see attached list) across 15 Trusts, broken down as 44 Primaries, 8 Secondaries and 1 other (St. John's School for the Deaf), although a number of Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled schools will only be associate members. This excludes Academies which are part of an Academy Trust.

3.6 Lane End Primary has requested to be removed from the South Leeds Learning Partnership Trust and that the land and buildings transfer to the Governing Body so it can become a foundation without a foundation. This request is currently being considered by the Schools Adjudicator.

Free Schools

3.7 There are ten established Free Schools in Leeds:

1. Lighthouse Special School
2. Khalsa Primary School which is on the old Fir Tree site
3. Leeds Jewish Free School collocated with Brodetsky Primary School (VA).
4. Elland Academy Alternative Provision Free School run by Delta
5. Ruth Gorse Academy 11-16 Secondary School in central Leeds
6. Temple Learning Academy, a 4-18 school operating in the Halton Moor area
7. Elliot Hudson College, a sixth form college run by GORSE Academy Trust.
8. UTC Leeds, a University Technical College located in the Hunslet area but enrolling students from across the Leeds City Region.

Including two Free Schools opened in September 2017:

9. Stephen Longfellow Academy Alternative Provision Free School run by Gorse Academy Trust

10. Dixons Trinity through school run by Dixons Trinity Academy (only the Primary phase opened in Sept 2017, with Secondary to open in 2018).

3.8 In addition, Element Primary Free School (to be located in Middleton and run by Wellspring Academy Trust) was successful in Wave 11, and is due to open in September 2018.

3.9 The latest round of free school application (Wave 12) were announced at Easter 2017. 5 applications for Leeds were submitted within Wave 12 however only three went through to interview stage and were subsequently approved:

- Southbank Primary (from the Gorse Academy Trust)
- Laurence Calvert, a Secondary School in South Leeds (from the Cockburn Academy Trust)
- Horsforth Schools Sixth Form (as part of Horsforth Academy Trust)

3.10 Two further Free Schools were due to open in September 2017, as follows:

1. Roundhay Park Primary, run by the Fair Access Schools Trust – yet to confirm final site location.
2. CAPA College, performing arts sixth form provision – now withdrawn from Free School process for Leeds.

3.11 Wave 13 of the Free School applications has not yet been announced.

Maps

3.12 Attached are maps of the city, split into 3 areas, depicting the location of the different types of schools in each area.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 The report is for information only on the current position of the status of schools. Individual school consultation is undertaken as appropriate when schools seek to change their status.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 The report is for information only on the current position of the status of schools. Individual school assessments are undertaken as appropriate when schools seek to change their status.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 The report is for information only on the current position of the status of schools.

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 The report is for information only on the current position of the status of schools. There are no resource implications.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 The report is for information only on the current position of the status of schools.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 The report is for information only on the current position of the status of schools. The Council works with individual schools to manage any risks as appropriate when schools seek to change their status.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The report is for information only on the current position of the status of schools.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Board is recommended to note and comment on the content of the report.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.