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DEALT Joint FGB Meeting of 7 Schools

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February 27, 2019

**Notes on the DEALT Joint FGB Meeting**  
**Held at Hornbeam Primary School on Wednesday 27 February at 6.00 pm**

**Present:** Jo Hygate Exec HT Kingsdown and Ringwoud, Chair of DEALT Steering Group and interim CEO of DEALT  
David Myatt Interim CFO DEALT  
Adrian Smith Project Manager DEALT  
Governors from the FGBs of the 7 DEALT Schools  
Proposed Members and Trustees of DEALT  
Representatives from the Diocese

**In attendance**

Nicki Street (Clerk to DEALT Steering Group)  
Maureen McCutcheon (Clerk Education People)  
Kim Metcalfe (Clerk Education People)  
Note Takers

*All 7 Schools were represented at the meeting.*

**The meeting opened at 6.00 pm**

**Introductions - Jo Hygate (JH)**

Jo Hygate welcomed all to the Meeting and explained that the purpose of the joint meeting was to hear a finance presentation from David Myatt the DEALT interim CFO.

The session would be followed by questions from the floor.

The FGBs of the 7 Schools would then hold their separate meeting to vote on the following resolutions:

**Resolution 1: To note that the Clerk is available on request to offer guidance on procedure and to resolve that a named note taker be authorised to take notes of the meeting.**

**Resolution 2: The Governing Body of (Name of School to be inserted) having considered: responses to consultation and other comments received during the development of the proposal; articles of association; master and supplemental funding agreements; the scheme of delegation and updated information on the financial implications of conversion; resolve to participate in the establishment of the Deal Education Alliance for Learning Trust (DEALT) and to convert to academy status within the Trust.**

The Governors were welcome to leave after their meetings had concluded or return to the School Hall to wait to hear the final decision.

Those present were reminded that the result of the meeting would remain confidential until Friday 1 March when Staff and Parents had been informed of the result of the vote.

Governors were also reminded of the need to observe the Governor Code of Conduct in their Governing Body's Terms of Reference.

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JH confirmed that the CFO had already made such a difference to the schools securing contacts that were better value for money. However, DEALT was not just about finance but also about maintaining outstanding outcomes, great schools in Deal and great leadership and collaboration.

The aim was to build on the existing collaboration of the DLA.

DEALT was about challenge and accountability sharing good practice and specialism.

In addition, DEALT would focus on Deal families, opportunities for staff including career progression and talent spotting and ensuring financial viability.

The DLA would be unlikely to survive without a formal structure.

In addition to JH there were 6 experienced HTs in the room who all supported this move and would not be present if they didn't believe DEALT would work.

JH thanked the great teams of Governors and Steering group members who had worked hard to get to this point.

**David Myatt (DM) – Interim DEALT CFO presented to the meeting.**

DM read from a script. A copy of the script and slides used to be filed with the minutes.

In addition, information was provided regarding Associate Membership of DEALT. It was explained that due to circumstances outside of the control of the Governing Bodies of two of the schools, Kingsdown and Ringwold and Sholden CEP Primary, they may not be in a position to convert to full membership of the MAT on 1 April 2019 should the Governing Bodies vote in favour of conversion.

There were land issues, which still needed to be resolved which may not be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

These two Schools would contribute 2% rather than 3% to the DEALT central pot (top slice).

The overall effectiveness of the MAT would not be compromised.

**Presentation Adrian Smith (AS) Project Manager DEALT**

Conversion Progress slides shown to the meeting.

AS explained the brief background to the land issues at the two schools.

An Associate membership agreement had been drafted. Should the 7 Schools vote in favour of conversion the Schools not able to proceed immediately would become Associate Members of the Trust.

Two Resolutions had been prepared for the Governing Bodies to consider and decide upon:

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**Resolution 2: The Governing Body of (insert name of school) having considered: responses to consultation and other comments received during the development of the proposal; articles of association; master and supplemental funding agreements; the scheme of delegation and updated information on the financial implications of conversion; resolve to participate in the establishment of the Deal**

**Education Alliance for Learning Trust (DEALT) and to convert to academy status within the Trust.**

It was explained that the FGBs would meet in separate rooms and return to the School Hall after their vote.

The Clerks would be available should there be any questions as would the CFO and Project Manager.

**Questions**

**(Q) A question was asked as to what would happen if the land issues could not be resolved and would the Associate membership just continue.**

**(A) It was confirmed that the Associate membership would continue.**

**(Q) The Project Manager was asked to explain the difference between an Associate Member and a Full Member of DEALT.**

**(A) Associate and Full Members will be treated in the same way and will fully participate in DEALT.**

**It was explained that Associate Member Schools would still have financial obligations to the LA. For this reason they would pay a reduced top slice sum to DEALT.**

**(Q) & (A) In answer to a question it was confirmed that the associate members would have the same voting rights as full members.**

**(Q) A question was asked as to whether there would need to be a further vote for the associate members to become full members.**

**(A) It was noted that Associate Membership was a short-term stage. The land issues would eventually be resolved.**

**(Q) A definition of short term was requested.**

**(A) It would be on going and continuous.**

**In every other sense the associate member schools would be a full member of DEALT.**

**Finance question**

**(Q) The risk of corporate MAT involvement had been mentioned in the past and if DEALT did not go to plan due to finances or other reasons was there any way to return to LA or was this a Government decision.**

**(A) It was confirmed that the decision to convert would be permanent and at the moment there was no way back. It was important to ensure that the circumstances described do not arise and that working together was a way to ensure that they did not.**

**(Q) & (A) In answer to a Governor's question it was confirmed that all 7 schools needed to vote in favour for the MAT to proceed.**

**(Q) & (A) It was confirmed that a majority decision of the FGB for conversion was required for the School to have voted in favour of the Resolution.**

**(Q) & (A) In answer to a question regarding the next steps it was noted that**

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<p><b>should the Resolution be agreed then the Trustees would sign the necessary paperwork for MAT Conversion.</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b> Following the meetings of the FGBs of the 7 Schools Jo Hygate confirmed to the Group that all 7 Schools had voted in favour of the DEALT MAT conversion.</p> <p><b><i>The meeting closed at 7.45 pm</i></b></p>	
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