

BATLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Batley Multi Academy Trust
held at Batley Girls' High School on Thursday 30 March 2017 at 5.00pm
Part A**

Present: Mr Siraj Mayet (Chair), Mrs Ellen Loughhead (Vice-Chair), Ms Julie Haigh, Mrs Mandy Kennedy, Mrs Ann McCall, Mrs Pam Pickles, Ms Hilary Towers-Islam, Mr Jeremy Townend

In Attendance: Ms Claire Geisler (Chair UBHS), Ms Wendy Beasley (Company Secretary), Mrs Sally Cook (Clerk)

552. Chair's Welcome

The Chair thanked the Trustees for attending the Extraordinary meeting at such short notice, but explained that the DfE and the RSC had given direction that these agenda items needed to be given urgent attention.

553. Apologies for Absence, Consent and Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Mr Maurice Cook, Ms Nailah Ahmed and Ms Sam Vickers, with consent. Maurice and Nailah had been prevented from attending the meeting by work commitments. Sam had been prevented from attending the meeting owing to an unavoidable commitment at Upper Batley. There had been no objections raised to the proposals contained within the Agenda. Claire Geisler had been able to attend as an Observer in her capacity as Chair of Upper Batley High School LGB.

554. To Transfer The Batley MAT CEO Position From A Joint Role To An Individual Role

IT WAS PROPOSED by Siraj Mayet and **SECONDED** by Pam Pickles, that with effect from the 30 March 2017, the CEO of the Batley Multi Academy Trust will be changed from a shared role between Ann McCall and Julie Haigh to an individual role held by Julie Haigh as the identified CEO. The Trustees unanimously **AGREED**.

555. To Transfer The Accounting Officer Role

IT WAS PROPOSED By Ellen Loughhead and **SECONDED** by Jeremy Townend, that with effect from 30 March 2017 the role of Accounting Officer will be transferred from Ann McCall to Julie Haigh. The Trustees unanimously **AGREED**.

Siraj clarified that this action naturally follows the establishing of the new CEO position. Julie reported that the structure and distribution of responsibilities of the new Co-Headship roles were nearly finalised.

556. To Discuss The Separation Of The BGHS LGB and The Trustees

Siraj confirmed with the Trustees that although the Board was already taking steps to separate membership of the Board and Batley Girls' Local Governing Body, the DfE and RSC required this to come into effect more quickly, and particularly to facilitate continuing discussions and progress around the future growth of the MAT.

Trustees were asked to complete a skills audit as soon as possible to enable discussions to take place with regards to separation of membership.

A skills audit by BGHS LGB Governors would also be requested at the LGB meeting to follow. Support to recruit new membership to Governance roles is offered by Academy Ambassadors.