



RCAOS CAT Oversight Group

Thursday 1st December 2022

Attendees:

Canon Victor Darlington (Chair) (CVD)
Angela Cox (AC)
Chris Millington (CM)
Penny Pemberton (PP)
Paul Jackson (PJ)
Paul McCallum (PMC)

Presenters (agenda items):

Julia Walters, Vince Burke, Janine Kenna (Sutton & Merton)
Marjorie Bannister, Pat Barber, Felicity Corcoran, Jonathan Ronan (Lewisham)

1	Introduction & Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canon Victor opened the meeting with a prayer.
2	Sutton & Merton group – Vince Burke, Janine Kenna, Julia Walters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CVD opened with a prayer.• Presentation by the Sutton & Merton group of schools to propose new Sancta Familia Catholic Academy Trust with phase 1 and 2 being 15 schools in Sutton & Merton with proposed growth into Lambeth.• It also includes (in Phase 1) one Croydon school – which is currently in a federation with a Sutton school• The slides outlined the existing depth of relationship of the schools within scope.• The project team leaders meet on a weekly basis, and have been greatly aided by working closely with Canon Tom McHugh• The vision focuses on excellence and the team believe that if they are holding themselves to account then this should be reflected through excellent every day.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a strong desire to retain a high level of autonomy with Local Governing Bodies (LGBs). There is a wide mix of skills across all the LGBs and the team are currently identifying possible options for Directors to sit on the Trust Board.• In terms of finance, the team are ensuring everything is effective, efficient and economically viable.• It was noted that some governors are concerned that other CATs may restrict admissions to neighbouring CATs. AC confirmed that all trusts will adhere to Diocesan guidance and restricting admissions to within a CAT will not be permitted. <p>OUTCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter from Canon Victor outlining feedback• Clear growth plans, timescales and risks understood• Request to apply to RSC approved• Vision and Mission requires amendment• Approval of trust name pending
3	<p>Lewisham group – Pat Barber, Marjorie Bannister, Felicity Corcoran, Jonathan Ronan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CVD opened with a prayer.• Presentation by the group outlining the proposed St Benedicts Catholic Academy Trust.• The CAT will be built upon the existing federation which provides a strong foundation.• Wave 1 will consist of 9 schools.• There has been significant interest with regards to being on the Board of Directors.• CVD noted that the vision and Catholic mission was strong, and the link with St Benedict was very positive.• The group noted that PFI brings complications, but it is still possible.• Strong links with feeder primaries are in place, and many are already part of the current federation. Primaries will follow secondaries to further enhance existing links. <p>OUTCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter from Canon Victor outlining feedback• Clear growth plans, timescales and risks understood• Request to apply to RSC approved• Vision and Mission approved



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	<p>The next meeting will take place on 8th March 2023</p>