

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Children and Young People PDS Committee

Date: 20th July 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent

Title: **THE GOVERNMENT'S REFORM AGENDA: EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES (ACADEMY SCHOOLS MOTION)**

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

The following Motion on the subject of Academy Schools, moved by Councillor Getgood and seconded by Councillor Fookes, was received at the Council Meeting on 28th June 2010. After brief discussion Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to this PDS Committee meeting when it was hoped more detail would be available on the proposals and implications.

“This Council urges Headteachers and governors of Bromley schools not to apply for academy status under the scheme announced by the Conservative – Liberal Democrat government and requests the Chief Executive to write to all Bromley schools in these terms”.

The Director of Children and Young People Services has circulated a report giving an overview on the policy direction and key areas of the Government’s reform agenda for education, schools and the wider children’s services.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is invited to consider the motion in the light of the latest information available from the Government and to make a recommendation to the Portfolio Holder on any action necessary to address this request.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: N/A.
 2. BBB Priority: N/A.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: £N/A
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A