

Decision Maker: COUNCIL

Date: 1 July 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Key

Title: FUTURE ROLE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IN EDUCATION SERVICES

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Chief Officer: Executive Director of Education, Care & Health Services

Ward: All

1. Reason for report

The Council at its meeting on 21st January 2013 agreed a new set of parameters for its work with schools which was subsequently developed into a new Business Plan agreed by the Portfolio Holder for Education. The next stage in the process was the submission of a report outlining the future new role of the Local Authority in Education Services and setting out a covenant to be used to establish this new relationship with schools. The report was discussed by the Education PDS Committee on 19th March 2013 who fully supported the proposals and referred it to the Executive for endorsement at its meeting on 3rd April 2013.

The Executive considered the new role of the Council as a champion of the community and the adoption of a Compact/Covenant to be used to establish this new relationship with schools for ratification by Council.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

Council is asked to consider these new proposals which reflect a significant policy change for the local authority in the role of a Champion of the community and to endorse the adoption of a Compact/Covenant to be used to establish this new relationship with schools.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: Further Details
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People: Further Details
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Education Portfolio Budgets
 4. Total current budget for this head: £20,665k
 5. Source of funding: RSG, DSG, Council Tax and other grants
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Staff

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

1. Legal Requirement: None: But relates directly to duties that the Local Authority has under the current Education and Children Acts
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Customer Impact

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

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

The Executive at its meeting on 3rd April 2013 fully endorsed the new arrangements being proposed for the Council to be a Champion of the community and the new relationship with academy schools. A copy of the Executive Director's report, together with an amended Covenant, and the Minute of the Executive discussion are attached for Members' consideration.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Financial/Legal/Policy implications are set out in the report of the Executive Director for Education, Care and Health Services
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Previous minutes