

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Council

Date: 25th October 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: UPDATE ON ACADEMY SCHOOLS MOTION CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PDS COMMITTEE ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2010

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

1.1 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 Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee -

1.2 "This Council urges Head-teachers 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".

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Council is requested to note the outcome of the Children and Young People PDS Committee's deliberations that the Motion not be supported, in the light of the latest information available from the Government.

Corporate Policy

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

1. Cost of proposal: None
 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? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 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 -
- 3.2 **“This Council urges Head-teachers 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”.**
- 3.3 After brief discussion Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee when it was hoped more detail would be available on the proposals and implications. The Director of Children and Young People Services 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 to support the Committee’s consideration of the Motion.
- 3.4 Following consideration of the Motion at the meeting of Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 7th September 2010, it was not supported by the Committee. The Chairman stated that he would report the outcome of the Committee’s deliberations to the next Council meeting.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy, Financial, Legal and Personnel Implications.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Report No. DCYP10124: Update: The Government’s Reform Agenda – Education and Children’s Services