

# **Children, Young People and Learning Policy Overview Committee - Major review of the local authority's current and future relationship with academies and free schools**

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## **REASON FOR ITEM**

The first witness session for the Committee's review into the local authority's current and future relationship with academies and free schools took place on 23 November 2016, and a summary of the matters discussed can be found in the minutes of that meeting. The second witness session took place on 11 January 2017, and a summary of the matters discussed can be found in the minutes of that meeting. The third witness session took place on 1 March 2017, and a summary of the matters discussed can be found in the minutes of that meeting.

It is proposed that during this meeting on 14 March 2017, the Committee will discuss recommendations for the major review into the local authority's current and future relationship with academies and free schools.

## **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

**The Committee is asked to consider the evidence given by the witnesses, together with further information provided by officers.**

## **INFORMATION**

1. At the meeting on 19 October 2016, the Committee was provided with the scoping report for the review (Appendix 1) and background information on the reasons for the review.
2. At the meeting on 23 November 2016, the first witness session took place and the Committee heard from a number of witnesses to provide an overview of the Council's current position. These witnesses included the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, the Head of School Improvement/Education Quality and Strategy, Finance Manager, Children and Young People, School Placement and Admissions Team Manager and the Head of Disability Services.
3. At the meeting on 11 January 2017, the second witness session took place and the Committee heard from representatives from School Forum, Schools' Strategic Partnership Board and Governor Executive Committee.
4. At the meeting on 1 March 2017, the third witness session took place and the Committee heard from two witnesses including Simon Hawley, Headteacher for Colham Manor Primary School (a maintained school) and Colin Tucker, Headteacher for Ryefield Primary School (an academy/free school).

For the third witness session, surveys were sent out to head teachers to obtain their view on The Council's current and future relationship with academies and free schools. The Committee was provided with the responses.

### **Papers with Report**

Appendix 1 - Scoping report

Appendix 2 - Minutes from first witness session and supporting documents from meeting on 23 November 2016

Appendix 3 - Minutes from second witness session and supporting documents from meeting on 11 February 2017

Appendix 4 - Minutes from third witness session and supporting documents from meeting on 1 March 2017 - **TO FOLLOW**