

Appendix to Item 19

Transforming Secondary and Post-16 Provision in Leeds The Development of Academies in Leeds

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) aims to develop 400 Academies across the country and has set a benchmark to identify schools which could potentially become Academies. The DCSF benchmark is that any school achieving less than 30% of its students achieving 5A* - C GCSE grades including English and mathematics.

This means that here in Leeds on the basis of this year's unpublished data the following schools could become Academies:

- Bruntcliffe High School;
- John Smeaton Community College;
- Parklands Girls High School;
- City of Leeds School;
- Primrose High School;
- Carr Manor High School;
- South Leeds High School;
- Cockburn College;
- Rodillian School;
- West Leeds High School;
- Wortley High School;
- Intake High School.

Education Leeds has looked at all these schools and is currently preparing option appraisals regarding their school improvement options looking at their overall standards, the quality of leadership and governance, the quality of teaching and learning and standards of behaviour and attendance.

Following meetings with Lord Adonis and DCSF colleagues in Leeds and London we agreed to consider the next steps regarding the development of strategic approach for Leeds. We asked for time to plan, organise and manage the further development of secondary and post -16 provision in Leeds, including Academies and 14 - 19 provision, so that we could take all the key partners and stakeholders with us.

COMMITMENTS FROM THE DCSF

We asked for the following commitments from the DCSF:

1. Support for the development of a Central Leeds School Improvement and Learning Alliance;
2. Formal agreement to the additional capital allocation for Intake High School to be rebuilt as an Academy;
3. That any new Academies in Leeds should fit within a Strategic Framework for Secondary Provision in the central areas of Leeds;
4. That any new Academies would be required to sign up to a series of policies and protocols around the following:
 - admissions;
 - exclusions;

- governance;
 - 11 - 16 provision;
 - post-16 provision;
 - partnership with other local schools.
5. That we could be reassured about the implications for the Council if any new Academies were in our PFI buildings;
 6. Support to encourage the David Young Community Academy to become part of these developments.

We also asked if our slot within Wave 13 of Building Schools for the Future could be fast-tracked to make best use of the LEP and the arrangements we have put in place to manage and deliver Wave 1.

ACTIONS AGREED AND NEXT STEPS

1. Education Leeds to produce a prospectus for the Central Leeds School Improvement and Learning Alliance and for potential Academy sponsors outlining the 'Leeds Model'.
2. Education Leeds to produce briefing papers for all central area schools with a focus on the three schools which could become Academies. These briefings to provide an outline of the work we have done so far to drive the leadership, standards and attendance and behaviour agendas in the school, the options now available to us and a clear rationale for using the Academy route for our future school improvement work at the schools.
3. The DCSF to facilitate a meeting between Education Leeds, Leeds City Council and KPMG to discuss the Central Leeds School Improvement Alliance and potential sponsorship of an Academy in Leeds.
4. The DCSF to facilitate a meeting between Education Leeds, Leeds City Council and Egton to discuss the Central Leeds School Improvement Alliance and potential sponsorship of an Academy in Leeds.
5. Education Leeds to continue to work with Paul Edwards and the Garforth Learning Trust to explore their role in the Central Leeds School Improvement Alliance and potential sponsorship of an Academy in Leeds.
6. Education Leeds to continue to work with the University of Leeds, Leeds Metropolitan University and Trinity and All Saints College to explore their role in the Central Leeds School Improvement Alliance and potential sponsorship of all the Academies in Leeds.
7. The DCSF to ensure that all potential sponsors that they identify to work with us meet with Education Leeds to agree their involvement in the Central Leeds School Improvement and Learning Alliance and any contacts with individual schools.
8. Partnerships for Schools will discuss with Education Leeds and Leeds City Council the strategic, operational and financial implications of Intake High School being removed from the Leeds BSF Programme with an earmarked capital allocation being made available to support a rebuild if an Academy project is approved.
9. Partnerships for Schools will discuss with Education Leeds and Leeds City Council the strategic, operational and financial implications for any of our PFI schools which may become Academies.
10. Partnerships for Schools will discuss with Education Leeds and Leeds City Council how we might secure Wave 13 provision earmarked for Leeds more

rapidly as part of discussions PfS is having with all Wave 7 and beyond authorities.

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