

MAYOR AND CABINET

Report Title	Matters referred by the Children and Young People Select Committee		
Key Decision	No		Item No. 4 (Addendum)
Ward	All		
Contributors	Children and Young People Select Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date: 13 February 2008	

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Children and Young People Select Committee arising from discussions on the Report on the joining together of Monson Primary School and Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College to form an all-age 3-18 Academy. These are set out in section three below.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to:

- (i) note the views of the Children and Young People Select Committee as set out in section 3;
- (ii) agree the Executive Director for Children and Young People be asked to comment and provide advice on the comments of the Select Committee.

3. Overview & Scrutiny Select Committee Views

- 3.1 On 22 January, the Children and Young People Select Committee considered the issue of the joining together of Monson Primary School and Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College. They received a presentation from Chris Threlfall, Head of School Effectiveness.
- 3.2 The Select Committee agreed they would hold an additional meeting to formally receive the report and make comments to be submitted to the Mayor and Cabinet meeting on 13 February 2008. This meeting was held on 11 February 2008.

The following specific comments were made by the Select Committee:

- 3.3 The Select Committee had mixed views about the proposals.
- 3.4 There were concerns that Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College has no local experience in the field of primary education.

- 3.5 As the proposals would change the admissions policy for Knight's Academy as well as Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College, there was some concern that parents in the vicinity of Knight's Academy likely to benefit from the changes had not been consulted.
- 3.6 There was concern amongst some Select Committee members that no public meeting had been held as part of the consultation process.
- 3.7 There were concerns that the focus groups were by invitation only and so could not be guaranteed to be fully representative of local people's views.
- 3.8 In light of 3.5-3.7, some members of the Select Committee had concerns about the consultation process and the Select Committee would ask the appropriate body to look at the issues raised in respect of the consultation.
- 4. Financial Implications**
- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 5. Legal Implications**
- 5.1 The Constitution provides for the Select Committees to report to the Mayor and Cabinet, and for the Executive to consider the report within one month of receiving it.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- The Report on the joining together of Monson Primary School and Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College – paper to Mayor and Cabinet
- Minutes of the Children and Young People Committee meeting held on 22 January 2008

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